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US, Australian forces kick off massive, monthlong military drills Down Under

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The USS Ronald Reagan steams Friday toward Brisbane, Australia, ahead of this year's Talisman Sabre exercise, which began Sunday.

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Admiral picked for top Navy job will retire; bad judgment cited

By ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The four-star admiral set to become the Navy's top officer on Aug. 1 will retire instead, an extraordinary downfall prompted by what Navy Secretary Richard Spencer called poor judgment regarding a professional relationship.

The sudden move by Adm. Bill Moran, announced Sunday, might add to the perception of turmoil in the Pentagon's senior ranks, as it comes less than a month after Pat Shanahan abruptly withdrew from consideration to be defense secretary after serving as the acting secretary for six months.



Moran

Leaders of the individual military services, both civilian and uniformed, play less critical roles in national security than the defense secretary, and they are not in the chain of military command. But they are responsible for ensuring that the armed forces are trained, equipped and prepared for combat and other roles.

Moran had been vetted for promotion to the top uniformed position in the Navy, SEE ADMIRAL ON PAGE 2

Lecturer at US-aided Afghan university arrested, accused of recruiting for ISIS

By PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — A lecturer at a partially U.S.-funded university in Afghanistan's capital was arrested on suspicion of recruiting students to join Islamic State, the country's top intelligence agency said Monday.

Three of his suspected recruits, who were accused by authorities of organizing several deadly ISIS attacks in Kabul, also were arrested, the National Directorate of Security said in a statement.

Two of the suspected recruits were students at the university. The third was related to one of the students. U.S. and Afghan forces have been unable to eliminate ISIS' local affiliate, known as

Islamic State-Khorasan Province, which first emerged in 2014 and says it aspires to carry out attacks on U.S. soil.

Known as ISIS-K, the militant group has recruited fighters actively from among Afghan university students, for whom obtaining visas to travel abroad is thought to be easier.

ISIS-K has recruited "many students" from Kabul University and has sent them to its stronghold in eastern Nangarhar province for training, said one of the students who was arrested, Ahmad Farouq, in a recorded confession released by the NDS.

Farouq named the professor who was arrested as Mubasher Muslimyar, an Islamic studies lecturer. He said Muslimyar

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Pence: US won't waver from pressure on Iran

By TAMI ABDOLLAH
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States will not waver from its course of maximum pressure against Iran, Vice President Mike Pence said Monday as tensions rise and the U.S.-brokered nuclear deal between the Islamic Republic and world powers appears unraveling with the Trump administration's pullout.

Pence's assertion to a pro-Israel Christian organization that the U.S. "will never allow Iran to obtain a nuclear weapon" came on the same day that Iran began enriching uranium to 4.5%, breaking the limit set in the 2015 agreement sealed under President Barack Obama.

Echoing comments made repeatedly by President Donald Trump, Pence said the international accord simply delayed Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon by "roughly a decade" and gave away billions in economic relief that Iran could then use to wage terrorist attacks.

Since Trump withdrew from that deal



'Let me be clear. Iran should not confuse American restraint with a lack of American resolve.'
Vice President Mike Pence

more than a year ago, his administration has reimposed crippling sanctions on Tehran and designated its Revolutionary Guard a foreign terrorist group.

"Iran must choose between caring for its people and continuing to fund its proxies who spread violence and terrorism throughout the region and breathe out

murderous hatred against Israel," Pence said.

Pence said the U.S.' actions have succeeded in "cutting off" Iran's ability to support terrorism in the Middle East, but he also charged that the Islamic Republic had increased its "malign activity and violence in the region" over the past several months.

Tensions in the region have risen in recent weeks after oil tankers were attacked near the Strait of Hormuz and Iran downed an unmanned U.S. military surveillance drone. The downing of the drone nearly led to a U.S. military strike against Iran; it was called off at the last minute by Trump.

Instead, the U.S. military's cyberforces launched a retaliatory strike against Iranian military computer systems that controlled the country's rocket and missile launches.

The U.S. has sent thousands of troops, an aircraft carrier, nuclear-capable B-52 bombers and advanced fighter jets to the Middle East.

"Let me be clear," Pence said. "Iran

should not confuse American restraint with a lack of American resolve."

Iran has long maintained it was enriching uranium for peaceful reasons. While enriched uranium at the 3.67% level is enough for peaceful pursuits, it isn't close to the weapons-grade levels of 90%.

At 4.5%, the enriched uranium is enough to help power Iran's Bushehr reactor, the country's only nuclear power plant.

Iran has been trying to gain European help in bypassing U.S. sanctions, which have targeted oil sales and top officials, including Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The remaining signatories to the deal include Britain, France, Germany, China and Russia.

"We hope for the best, but the United States of America and our military are prepared to protect our interests and to protect our personnel and citizens in the region," Pence said.

Admiral: Moran says he doesn't want to impede 'important service' rendered by US Navy

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nominated by President Donald Trump and confirmed by the Senate in May to succeed Adm. John Richardson as chief of naval operations and as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Instead, Moran said in a written statement Sunday evening that he told Spencer he decided to decline his appointment as the next chief of naval operations and requested to be allowed to retire.

"As painful as it is to submit my request to retire, I will not be an impediment whatsoever to the

important service that you and your families continue to render the nation every day," Moran wrote.

Spencer said his vision for the Navy includes "an urgent resolve by all" to live up to high standards.

"Adm. Bill Moran recently brought to my attention that over the past two years, he maintained a professional relationship with an individual who was held accountable and counseled for failing to meet the values and standards of the naval profession," Spencer said in a written statement Sun-

day evening. "While I admire his faithful service and commitment to the Navy, this decision on his part to maintain that relationship has caused me to call his judgment into question. Therefore, today I accepted Adm. Moran's request to retire."

Senior Navy officials said Spencer learned of the relationship only after Moran's Senate confirmation in May. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive details.

Spencer provided no details about the unnamed individual,

but other officials said Spencer was referring to Moran having recently taken public affairs counsel from Chris Servello, who was removed from his position as public affairs adviser to Richardson in 2017 and given a non-punitive letter of reprimand for drinking and fraternizing with junior officers during and after a December 2016 Navy Christmas party.

Servello was accused of making unwanted sexual passes while dressed as Santa at the party. No charges were filed against him. He retired from the Navy last

May at the rank of commander.

In an interview Sunday evening, Servello said he was aware of Moran's decision to retire.

"It's hard not to feel disappointment and disbelief," he said. "This is terrible news for the Navy, and beyond that, I don't have anything to add."

Moran said his decision to decline his appointment and to instead retire was based also on what he called an open investigation into "the nature of some of my personal email correspondence over the past couple of years."

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ELORA J. MARTINEZ/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

An SH-60 Seahawk sits on the flight deck of the USS Ronald Reagan on Sunday in Brisbane, Australia. The Ronald Reagan, flagship of Carrier Strike Group 5, is in Brisbane for the Talisman Sabre exercise.



ELORA J. MARTINEZ/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force



TANNER LAMBERT/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Left: Members attending the opening ceremony for Talisman Sabre stand during the presentation of the colors by the U.S. Navy Color Guard on Sunday aboard the USS Ronald Reagan. Right: Locals check out an SH-60 Seahawk during the exercise's opening day in Rockhampton, Australia, on Saturday.

US-Australia Talisman Sabre drills kick off

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

A monthlong, biennial military exercise involving more than 34,000 personnel from the United States and Australia opened Sunday aboard the USS Ronald Reagan aircraft carrier at the Port of Brisbane. Talisman Sabre 2019 is designed to enhance combat readiness and cooperation between the Australian and U.S. armed forces, Australian Defence Minister Linda Reynolds said in a statement announcing the drills.

"This premier military engagement reflects the strength of the Australia-U.S. alliance and the closeness of our military-to-military relationship," she said.

Most drills will take place at Shoalwater Bay Training Area and surrounding state forests near the town of Rockhampton, Queensland. Events will also occur in other parts of the state, on Australia's east coast and at the Evans Head Air Weapons Range in the state of New South Wales, according to the statement.

Forces from Canada, Japan, New Zealand and the United Kingdom will be

embedded alongside Australian personnel, and delegations from India and South Korea will observe the exercise, Reynolds said.

Eighteen nations from across the Indo-Pacific region have also been invited to an international visitor program, she added.

The Japan-based Ronald Reagan arrived in Brisbane on Friday along with the guided-missile cruiser USS Chancellorsville. The destroyer USS McCampbell pulled into Townsville, Australia, on Thursday, the Navy said in a statement.

"USS Ronald Reagan sailors are excited to engage in Talisman Sabre 2019 with their Australian counterparts," Capt. Pat Hannifin, the aircraft carrier's commander, said in the statement.

"Having served alongside Aussies in every conflict for 100 years, we are truly honored to visit your beautiful country again. We look forward to the sights of Brisbane and the hospitality that Australians are known for."

The Marine Corps has brought the M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, or HIMARS, for the first time Down Under and were scheduled to conduct live-

fire drills with it at Shoalwater Bay on Monday.

The training comes amid heightened concern about Chinese influence in the South Pacific.

On Sunday, Australia's ABC television network reported that a Chinese Auxiliary General Intelligence vessel was headed toward Australia and expected to closely monitor the exercise.

"We're tracking it," Australia's chief of defence joint operations, Lt. Gen. Greg Bilton, said at Talisman Sabre's launch in Brisbane, according to the broadcaster. "We don't know yet what its destination is, but we're assuming that it will come down to the east coast of Queensland, and we'll take appropriate measures in regards to that."

Chinese spy ships have also monitored the multinational Rim of the Pacific military exercises in Hawaii in recent years.

Australian public opinion has soured on China this year following reports of Chinese communist efforts to influence Australian politicians and universities through donations and other funding.

A poll released by Australia's Lowy In-

stitute released last month shows only 32 percent of Australians trust China to act responsibly. Seventy-two percent of Australians rate the alliance with the U.S. as important, according to the same poll.

Ross Babbage, a former Australian assistant defense secretary, said there appears to be plenty of support for the exercise among locals in Queensland.

In Brisbane, for example, U.S. sailors were welcomed by a local pub, the Plough Inn, with a specially brewed beer called "Hop Gun."

The inclusion of other important allies and partners such as Canada, Japan and New Zealand is positive since it shows that the exercise is growing, Babbage said. So are the experiments with new military technology expected at Talisman Sabre, he said.

"We are seeing a much better range of capabilities (than in past years), including intelligence and cyber capabilities," he said.

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MILITARY

Largest USAF combat air wing has new leader

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KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Brig. Gen. Joel Carey assumed responsibility for the Air Force's largest combat air wing on Monday from Brig. Gen. Case Cunningham, the outgoing commander.

Six years ago, Carey replaced Cunningham as vice commander of the 451st Air Expeditionary Wing at Kandahar, Afghanistan.

"From Kandahar to the Pacific, I've had a large but fun challenge to fill your shoes more than once," Carey said during a change of command ceremony inside a hangar. "Your fingerprints on this mission and organization are so clear to me."

Cunningham, the wing commander at Kadena since July 2017, turned over to Carey the largest Air Force installation in the Pacific — home to more than 23,000 servicemembers and their families, contractors and Japa-

nese employees, according to Kadena's website.

"Two years ago, when I took command, I said the challenge will be about giving time that is required both in courageous and exemplary leadership in every single level," Cunningham told servicemembers and local dignitaries at the ceremony. "You delivered in an absolute and huge way in that challenge."

The 18th Wing provides combat and aeromedical evacuation capability for U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

Its pilots fly F-15C fighter jets, KC-135 refueling tankers, HH-60 helicopters and E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control Systems aircraft.

Kadena has experienced highs and lows over the past two years.

On one hand, The Associated Press highlighted a case from Kadena in a June investigative report on child sexual abuse on American military bases worldwide.



CARLOS VAZQUEZ/Stars and Stripes

Lt. Gen. Kevin Schneider, left, of U.S. Force Japan, hands the colors to Brig. Gen. Joel Carey, who took command of the 18th Wing from Brig. Gen. Case Cunningham, right, at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, on Monday.

And four Kadena airmen — some assigned to the same squadron — were found dead in their residences over the past 11 months, with causes either not released or still under investigation.

On the other hand, Cunningham credited his team with playing a key part in events on the global stage.

The wing's combat readiness contributed to U.S. diplomacy that resulted in reduced tensions with North Korea over the past two years, he said.

The base also hosted multiple cultural events, Japanese national and military exchanges and supported the most recent ex-

ercises Cobra Gold in Thailand, Cope North in Guam and Northern Edge in Alaska.

New challenges will present themselves every year in the region, Carey said, adding he will remain committed "to continue a peaceful, secure, free and open Indo-Pacific."

U.S. Forces Japan commander Lt. Gen. Kevin Schneider presided over the ceremony and passed the unit flags from the outgoing to the incoming commander.

Prior to taking the helm at Kadena, Carey led the Train, Advise, Assist Command-Air and the 438th Air Expeditionary Wing at Kabul, Afghanistan. He also previously commanded the

44th Fighter Squadron at Kadena and served as vice commander of the 438th Air Expeditionary Wing in Afghanistan in addition to the 451st Wing.

Carey first served at Kadena in the early 2000s as flight commander, also with 44th Fighter Squadron, 18th Wing.

Cunningham is headed to Hawaii to serve as deputy director for operations at Indo-Pacific Command. In that role, he will monitor U.S. and allied forces and recommend military options in the event of a crisis or contingency.

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Ukraine asks to purchase weapons via DOD program

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Ukraine has asked for the first time to buy U.S. military equipment through the Pentagon's weapons sales program, a request under consideration as Kiev continues its battle against Russia-backed separatists, America's top diplomat in the country said.

"We are beginning the review process for that request," William Taylor, the U.S. chief of mission in Ukraine, said in a statement Sunday. "The United States stands firmly with Ukraine in support of its sovereignty, territorial integrity, and defense sector reforms."

On Monday, Taylor and Ukrainian military officials traveled to the administrative boundary line of Crimea, a territory that Russia annexed in 2014 and is a major source of political tension between Moscow and the West.

"Crimea is Ukraine," the U.S. Embassy in Kiev said in a tweet announcing Taylor's visit to the boundary line.

For five years, the U.S. has called upon Russia to pull out of Ukraine and stop supporting separatists. However, fighting continues in Ukraine's eastern provinces, where about 4,000 Ukrainian troops have been killed since 2014, according to the United Nations.



KAYLA CHRISTOPHER/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

A soldier demonstrates the Javelin anti-tank missile system to senior Ukrainian military officials at Hohenfels Training Area, Germany, in 2017. Ukraine has asked to purchase weapons from the Pentagon's weapons sales program for the first time.

While the West has offered various forms of support to Ukraine's military since 2014, the U.S. only recently began providing lethal military gear, which the Obama administration resisted over concerns it would escalate tensions.

U.S. lawmakers and military officials, however, have advocated stepping up support. Last year, the Trump administration began providing anti-tank Javelin missiles and other weaponry.

Last month, the Defense Department also said it will provide \$250 million in military aid to Ukraine, including more sniper rifles, grenade launchers and counterartillery radars.

In September, the U.S. Coast Guard

transferred two Island-class cutters, armed with .50-caliber machine guns and 25 mm deck guns, to Ukraine to bolster the country's small navy.

While Ukraine now says it wants to make more purchases, it's not clear what types of systems Kiev is seeking. Given the country's weak economy, it's also unclear how large of a deal is in the works.

For President Donald Trump, boosting weapon sales to allies and partners has been a top military priority. In 2018, U.S. foreign military sales for the year were up by 33%, according to the Defense Cooperation Agency.

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GI on Okinawa is accused of stealing safe

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Police arrested a U.S. soldier Thursday on suspicion of taking a portable safe containing the equivalent of about \$230 from a bar and restaurant on Okinawa.

The soldier — identified only as a 19-year-old private based at Torii Station — is accused of taking the safe from the business in the Uechi neighborhood of Okinawa City about 4:15 a.m., Okinawa Police Station deputy chief Hirotoshi Iha said Monday.

He said the soldier ate and drank at the bar and got into an argument after receiving the bill.

"The suspect said the bill was way too expensive," he said.

The soldier fled with the safe and was found with it later in the same neighborhood, said Iha, who did not specify how the private was able to gain access to the safe.

He said the soldier admitted to stealing the safe, and police referred a theft charge to the Naha District Public Prosecutors Office over the weekend.

The soldier has been released from police custody, Iha said. No injuries or damages were reported.

Army officials on Okinawa did not respond to a request for further information by Monday afternoon.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

US is facing tough choices in Syria

By NABIH BULOS
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BEIRUT — As the perennial jousting between the U.S. and Iran focuses on drones, nuclear enrichment and safe passage of oil tankers through the Strait of Hormuz, Washington is struggling on a lesser watched front in the region: northeastern Syria.

That's where the U.S. led a coalition of European and regional nations in support of a Kurdish-dominated group of militias against Islamic State extremists, lavishing the Kurds with weapons, training, air cover and the assistance of thousands of U.S. soldiers and contractors.

With ISIS having been ousted from all the territory it held, the Kurdish-led fighters known as the Syrian Democratic Forces, or SDF, now control one-third of Syria. Washington wants to solidify that control, promote the SDF as a viable government and deny the resource-rich region to Syrian President Bashar Assad and his backers in Iran and Russia — even as President Donald Trump has pushed to withdraw all U.S. personnel.

But such ongoing Kurdish-led control clashes with competing local and international rivalries and faces strong pushback from allies and enemies alike.

Just across the Euphrates River from the SDF lie Syrian government troops, Russian contractors, Iran-backed paramilitaries and advisers from Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps. They wait for the opportunity to fulfill Damascus' long-stated vow to take back every inch of Syria's territory, including the SDF enclave.

If they succeed, Syria's borders would form part of what many believe is Tehran's grand design to forge a land bridge connecting Iran to Lebanon. That, they say, would allow it to more easily transport weapons to its proxies and to build a network to circumvent U.S. economic sanctions.

Beyond the SDF enclave's northern border lies Turkey, a North Atlantic Treaty Organization ally that has grown increasingly angry at the U.S. for its support of the People's Protection Units, the dominant Kurdish militia within the SDF. Turkey insists the group is a proxy for the separatist Kurdish movement it has fought for decades at home; it has threatened to overrun the group's bastion and install its own Syrian rebel factions in power.

The U.S. has sought to placate



CHRIS McGRATH, GETTY IMAGES/TNS

Fighters from the Syrian Democratic Forces are seen on a ridge line position overlooking the SDF ISIS encampment on March 24 in Baghouz, Syria. The U.S. wants to promote the Kurdish-led SDF as a viable government in the region but is encountering resistance from both enemies and allies.

Turkey with talk of a so-called safe or buffer zone, which would see the gradual withdrawal of the Kurdish force from the border and the destruction of its military fortifications. The evacuated areas would be patrolled by Turkish soldiers along with the U.S. and other coalition servicemen.

But European allies remain unconvinced. Last month, James Jeffrey, the U.S. special representative for Syria, said that initial plans for Europe's participation in the safe zone had gone nowhere.

The SDF, meanwhile, has little interest in giving up territories it claved back from the Islamist extremists, especially to Turkish-backed Syrian rebels who view the Kurds as atheist separatists and the Arabs allied with them as traitors to the anti-Assad cause.

The tribal people make up the majority population of eastern Syria, and though they were allies with the Kurds in combat, many have come to resent them in governance. There has been a persistent wave of demonstrations since April in areas of eastern Syria against Kurdish domination.

In recent months, Russia has sent emissaries to cajole the tribe members back to Assad's fold. Last month, Thamer Sabhan, Saudi Arabia's minister for Gulf affairs, joined a delegation of U.S. officials to eastern Syria to mollify tribal representatives from

the eastern Syrian province of Dair Alzour frustrated with the SDF. (His visit further angered Turkey, which is engaged in a duel over regional influence with Saudi Arabia.)

Then there is ISIS. Surviving members and their sympathizers have scattered across the eastern Syrian desert. They have burned crops, planted bombs and conducted targeted assassinations as part of a campaign to terrorize the tribes into collaboration, while also targeting Kurdish fighters.

In mid-June, ISIS claimed responsibility for a car bomb attack in the Kurdish-controlled city of Qamishli in which six people, including civilians, were wounded, activists said. ISIS also acknowledged engaging in several shootings and attacks with improvised explosive devices on SDF militias across eastern Syria.

Hanging over any discussion of the enclave is the question of whether the U.S. will withdraw its remaining troops from the area, and just what its policy will be moving forward.

Under the Obama administration, U.S. officials had pushed the Kurds to negotiate a deal with Damascus over the land. But the Kurds, said Daren Khalifa, a senior analyst with the International Crisis Group, now have tens of thousands of fighters and a bureaucracy of 140,000 civil servants serving a population

of roughly 2 million — and the Kurds control most of Syria's oil, gas and water resources.

Negotiations broke off after Trump took office and began issuing statements inconsistent with those of leading officials in his administration.

Now the U.S. strategy appears to have morphed into one that would pressure Assad into kicking out Iran and committing to a series of concessions that would either make his rule acceptable to the U.S. or lead to a transition away from it, said Nicholas Heras, a fellow at the Center for a New American Security. The SDF's success would be part of that pressure.

"Essentially, the U.S. is calling for a regime-change strategy without calling it a regime-change strategy," Heras said.

At the same time, it is trying to build "a plane in flight, trying to create enduring resilience, governance, administrative, security and economic recovery structures for the SDF."

At a March briefing, Jeffrey, the special representative, said the U.S. policy for Syria is threefold: to "ensure the enduring defeat" of ISIS, to "ensure a political process that will give us a different kind of government" and "thirdly, the removal of all Iranian-commanded forces from the entirety of Syria."



Mubasher Muslimiyar

Lecturer: US wants Taliban to stop ISIS in Afghanistan

FROM FRONT PAGE

attempted to convert students to Salafism, a fundamentalist branch of Sunni Islam, before encouraging them to join ISIS-K.

The U.S. government and public universities have aided multiple projects at Kabul University over the years. In 2011, a renewable energy laboratory paid for by the U.S. Agency for International Development opened on campus.

The head of U.S. Central Command, Marine Gen. Frank McKenzie, has described ISIS-K as a "very worrisome" threat to the United States and said counterterrorism efforts against the group must continue.

"ISIS in Afghanistan certainly has aspiration to attack the United States," McKenzie said in June, according to The Associated Press. "It is our clear judgment that as long as we maintain pressure on them it will be hard for them to do that."

U.S. negotiators holding peace talks with the Taliban have said one of their key goals is to get a commitment from the Taliban that it will not let groups like ISIS-K use Afghanistan to launch attacks against the U.S. and its allies. Meanwhile, the Taliban wants the U.S. to spell out a time frame for withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan.

While the Taliban opposes ISIS-K, some experts say U.S. counterterrorism efforts in the country must continue if the ISIS affiliate is to be prevented from growing.

U.S. Forces-Afghanistan recently put the number of ISIS-K fighters in Afghanistan at fewer than 2,000, while the United Nations earlier this year said the number could be as many as 4,000.

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Germany rebuffs US request for ground troops in Syria

Associated Press

BERLIN — A government spokesman says Germany isn't considering sending ground troops to Syria as part of its contribution to fighting Islamic State.

German media reported over

the weekend that the U.S. envoy for Syria, James Jeffrey, asked the German government last week to contribute ground troops to the anti-ISIS coalition led by the United States.

Government spokesman Stefan Seibert said Monday that "Germany has for years made a

considerable and internationally recognized contribution" to the coalition that includes training Iraqi troops, doing aerial reconnaissance and refueling allied aircraft.

He said Germany favors continuing its existing coalition functions and "it's known that this

doesn't include ground troops."

Seibert said Berlin is discussing with allies the future military and civilian efforts needed to stabilize the region and how the responsibilities will be divided among participating countries.

WAR ON TERRORISM

An uphill battle

For Afghan women, securing a spot at the 2020 Olympics is only part of the struggle

By SIOBHAN O'GRADY
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The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — No Afghan woman has ever won an Olympic medal. In Tokyo next summer, Somsayeh Gholami, 25, hopes to become the first.

Five days a week, the black belt in taekwondo ties her long hair up in a bun, covers it with a white headscarf and spars with her teammates. In her gym, news of suicide attacks in Kabul fades from her mind as she focuses on her only goal: winning at the 2020 Summer Olympics.

Just getting to the games will be an uphill battle. Most Afghan athletes are men, and the country's few female athletes face some of the most dangerous and restrictive conditions in the world. Now, ongoing talks with the Taliban threaten to further derail their Olympic dreams. Many Afghans fear that if the extremists return to power after 18 years of war, women could again disappear from public life.

On a recent Saturday evening, Gholami looked around the crowded gym in Kabul where her teammates practice alongside their male counterparts.

"If they (the Taliban) saw us like this, they'd probably shoot us," she said.

The United States and the Taliban have met for several rounds of peace talks since July 2018. Negotiators have insisted any peace deal with the Taliban will protect women's rights.

"Afghan women vote and work and got their place in society," former Afghan President Hamid Karzai, a key voice in talks between the Taliban and Afghan stakeholders, said in an interview at his home in early June. "This is not reversible; this will not go back. The Taliban know this, and we have told them."

But such promises have done little to lessen concerns among Afghan women — especially athletes.

"They will definitely be against sports," said Samira Asghari, the first Afghan member of the International Olympic Committee. "Maybe they will say girls can go to university, maybe school, but not sports. I'm sure about this."

The disadvantages

Afghanistan first sent athletes to the Olympics in 1936, but women didn't compete under the Afghan flag until three years after the fall of the Taliban. The IOC banned Afghanistan from participating when the country was under Taliban rule.

Since 2004, 13 Afghan athletes have been sent to the Olympics, but just four have been women. In 2008, one female runner fled her training camp and is believed to have sought asylum in Norway before she made it to Beijing.

Over the next year, Gholami and other

Afghan athletes will train intensively and compete regionally to try to secure spots at the Summer Games in Tokyo.

Few athletes are more disadvantaged than Afghan women, even in the years since the Taliban was overthrown.

Social norms require women to cover their heads and dress conservatively. They are expected to marry young, mother children and prioritize domestic responsibilities. Contact sports such as martial arts or boxing are often considered inappropriate for women; swimming in public is completely out of the question. There are limited athletic facilities, and many families won't allow their daughters to practice in mixed-gender gyms.

Athletes are vulnerable to attacks from extremist groups because they buck those norms.

The Olympic facility where athletes now train is home to a soccer field where the Taliban used to perform public executions, including of burqa-clad women accused of adultery, in front of crowds of men.

Hafizullah Wali Rahimi, the country's top sports official and president of its National Olympic Committee, called the last decade the "worst days of (Afghanistansports) history."

Careful calculations

In recent years, he said, corrupt officials siphoned off resources the Afghan government and its international partners had set aside for women's sports. A recent sexual abuse scandal on the women's national soccer team eroded what little trust parents had in sports officials to keep their daughters safe.

As his office attempts to increase women's participation in sports nationwide, Rahimi has had to make careful calculations, introducing low-contact sports like badminton, table tennis and volleyball in girls' schools to avoid controversy.

"We are a conservative society," Rahimi said. "In some of our provinces, there are not even places for young boys to go and play."

Gholami might have made it this far in part because she was not raised in Afghanistan.

Her family is from Mazar-e Sharif, in the country's north, but she grew up a refugee in Iran. Despite being displaced, she sees her upbringing abroad as an advantage; women in Iran move more freely than in Afghanistan and often exercise in public.

Eight years ago, she joined a taekwondo club there on a whim. Her lean stature and intense discipline soon made her a natural recruit to Afghanistan's national team. She still lives in Iran but travels to and from Kabul for practice. She also managed to balance training and academics, earning a bachelor's degree in agriculture.

Gholami's coach thinks she stands a good



PHOTOS BY KIANA HAYEN/The Washington Post

Sadia Bromand shows up to training wearing two necklaces; one has the Olympic rings and the other is her name written in English.



Some of Bromand's tattoos illustrate her determination.

shot at bringing home a medal if she makes it to Tokyo. She won gold at the 2016 South Asian Games. But her Olympic dreams fizzled that year when she tried to compete in a lower weight class and ended up so weak she failed to qualify. She called it the "biggest mistake" of her career.

Now, her heart is set on 2020.

"If I achieve that goal, I'll have no more wishes," she said.

Her transition to professional athlete was made easier by her parents, who support her Olympic dreams and allow her to travel regularly for practice and competitions abroad.

Other Afghan women are forced to hide from their families the fact they are athletes.

Sadia's story

In a run-down gym tucked down a quiet alley in western Kabul one recent afternoon, Sadia Bromand, 23, changed out of her street clothes and into long black leggings, basketball shorts and a black headscarf. Then she wrapped her hands and slid on her red boxing gloves. She spends half her week boxing with her coach in this gym and the rest training at the national Olympic facilities in Kabul.

A former sprinter, she hoped to qualify for the 2016 games but was asked to coach a teammate instead. So she switched to boxing, hoping she would make it in 2020.

Then her parents found out.

As a sports reporter and avid runner, Bromand had already defied some societal expectations of Afghan women. But her parents saw boxing as one step too far.

"It was like they were in flames," she said.

They worried she would get hurt, be considered unmarriedable or, worse, that the Taliban would track her down and kill her. Now she keeps her practice routine secret from most of her family, but she said even the national boxing federation doesn't offer enough support for her to have a fair shot at qualifying for 2020. Federation President Shikeb Satari said Bromand works hard, but as a relative newcomer to the sport, doesn't have a realistic shot at the Olympics.

But Bromand won't give up.

"My life has been much more difficult outside the ring than inside the ring," she said. "My whole life has been fighting."

When she feels discouraged, she looks at the tattoos etched into her skin that remind her of what she's working toward. On her right arm: "Nothing is impossible." On her left are the five Olympic rings, accompanied by three simple words: "Yes I can."

“They (the Taliban) will definitely be against sports. Maybe they will say girls can go to university, maybe school, but not sports. I'm sure about this.”

Samira Asghari

first Afghan member of the International Olympic Committee

MILITARY

Up to the challenge

US airman signs up for 'world's toughest footrace'

By KRISTA JOHNSON
Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser

Jared Struck isn't quite sure why he loves running. He knows he's always been the type to head toward a challenge — maybe because of his upbringing, maybe because of his service in the Air Force. He embraces adventure and finishes each task he takes on.

When asked why he is choosing to run the Badwater 135 — known as "the world's toughest footrace" — July 15-17, Struck pondered his answer.

"It's really hard to answer the question of why," Struck said. Maybe it's the desert and its beauty that draws him to the race, or "the fact that it's the hardest. I think the challenge is probably the biggest draw to me."

Whatever the reason, Struck has committed himself to being an "ultrarunner," a name reserved for those who participate in races longer than marathons. He's even added a "26.2" tattoo on his leg, indicating the mileage of a marathon.

Running for Struck began as a simple way of getting in better shape. Drinking frequently and smoking a pack of cigarettes a day, he looked in the mirror and decided to make a change, starting by completing a marathon. He picked one a few months away, put it on the calendar and started training.

That was in 2005, and he thought he would be done afterward. Yet dozens of races and thousands of miles have been completed since. He's competed in Australia and China, and in a race where 39 of the 50 miles were run on sand.

His hope is to one day be selected for the Western States Endurance Race, having applied five times to participate in the oldest 100-mile race.

He will head to Death Valley, Calif., in a few weeks, where the 135-mile-long race will start at the lowest elevation point of the lower 48 states and along a stretch with



PHOTOS BY JAKE CRANDALL, THE MONTGOMERY (ALA.) ADVERTISER/AP

Jared Struck runs through his neighborhood in Wetumpka, Ala., last month. He is training for the Badwater 135 race, known as "the world's toughest race."

‘There's a lot of ups and downs. You could go from thinking how beautiful this place is and how I'm lucky to be out here then to how much something hurts.’

Jared Struck
U.S. airman and ultrarunner

three significant hills, one of which is 18 miles long from base to peak, and end at the highest elevation point.

All in all, within 48 hours, Struck will climb from 280 feet below sea level to 14,600 above.

It is his second time competing in this race, and his goal is to maintain his time of 39 hours — which will give him time for a quick eight-hour nap before the pizza party and awards ceremony begins after hour 48. During the race, there isn't time to sleep.

To participate, Struck had to apply. He'll join a group of 100 people who represent 19

countries.

To prepare, Struck runs at least three one-hour jogs throughout the week, and as the race draws closer, will take on back-to-back runs over the weekend — completing 50-mile runs on Saturdays followed by 20 miles on Sundays. Each week, he also goes to the sauna, spending up to 42 minutes running in place in the 150-degree environment.

Ten days before the race, he'll spend at least 30 minutes in the sauna each day.

While he admits to times he didn't prepare well for shorter races, he isn't going

to take any chances when preparing for this. He can hurt now, or he can hurt there. But either way, the pain is going to exist, he said.

"There are times when it's tough to get motivated to train but I think the key — and that's for anyone — is to put that event on your calendar. If you waste a weekend, it's one more weekend closer to the event taking place," Struck said.

During the race, "There's a lot of ups and downs," he said. "You could go from thinking how beautiful this place is and how I'm lucky to be out here then to how much something hurts."

In Death Valley, the miles stretch on with nothing in sight. Struck said he tries not to think about how much farther he needs to go.

"I can see for miles down the road, but it's just as easy to look back and see how far you have went," he said.

While he doesn't listen to music while running because he thinks it throws off his pace, the two friends accompanying him during the race will likely play some once they enter the second day of running.

Known as pacers, the two friends will ride with Struck's wife in a van that will meet Struck every 2 miles to give him a bottle of water. The pacers will alternate running with Struck a couple of miles at a time.

"They'll try everything just to keep me moving, even cattle prods," Struck joked.

His goal, aside from completion within 39 hours, is to raise money for Montgomery County's One Place Justice Center. A one-stop shop for victims of domestic violence, One Place includes social workers, medical professionals, lawyers, magistrates, detectives and more to ensure that when a victim arrives, all services are offered.

Pointing to other places across the country that do not have a centralized location for victims, Struck said: "It's not very helpful for the victim at all, and I think a lot of victims are afraid to even come out because if you go to the hospital, then they'll send you to the police station, then the lawyer and everywhere else."



Above: Struck displays his tattoos for a previous Badwater race and marathons. Left: The runner shows off his belt buckles and medals from previous races.

NATION

DHS chief defends conditions at border

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan on Sunday defended conditions at U.S. Border Patrol stations following reports of crowded and unsanitary conditions that have heightened debate about President Donald Trump's immigration policy, a trademark issue for his reelection campaign.

"It's an extraordinarily challenging situation," McAleenan told ABC's "This Week."

The Homeland Security Department's internal watchdog provided new details July 2 about the overcrowding in Texas' Rio Grande Valley, the busiest corridor for illegal crossings. The report said children at three facilities had no access to showers and that some children under age 7 had been held in jammed centers for more than two weeks. Some cells were so cramped that adults were forced to stand for days on end.

Government inspectors described an increasingly dangerous situation, both for migrants and agents — a "ticking time bomb," in the words of one facility manager.

The report echoed findings in May by the department's inspector general about holding centers in El Paso, Texas: 900 people crammed into a cell with a maximum capacity of 125; detainees standing on toilets to have room to breathe; others wearing soiled clothing for days or weeks.

In tweets Sunday afternoon, Trump

went farther than McAleenan in defending his administration's response, accusing the news media of "phony and exaggerated accounts" but without providing evidence. "Border Patrol and others in Law Enforcement have been doing a great job. We said there was a Crisis — and the Fake News & the Dems said it was 'manufactured.'"

"Inadequate food, inadequate water and unclean cells. None of those have been substantiated."

Kevin McAleenan
acting Homeland Security secretary

Big Media Con Job!"

Democrats faulted Trump for not offering an immigration overhaul that could pass a divided Congress.

"The president is acting like we are some weak, pathetic country," said Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet, a Democratic presidential candidate. "We have the ability to treat human beings humanely. We have the ability to lead our hemisphere in a discussion about how to deal with this refugee crisis," he said on "Fox News Sunday."

McAleenan said that since the first of the year, 200 medical providers have been

added to facilities, including personnel from the U.S. Coast Guard and the Public Health Service Commission Corps.

"We have pediatricians in border patrol stations for the first time in history trying to help address conditions where children are coming across 300 a day in ... April and May," McAleenan said.

"We've built soft-sided temporary facilities. These are spaces that are much more appropriate — high ceilings, more room for children and families. We've put them both in Donna, Texas, in South Texas, as well as in El Paso to provide additional space. ... We've bought buses to transport people to better places."



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

A report from government auditors reveals images of people in overcrowded Border Patrol facilities. The report by the Department of Homeland Security's internal watchdog details overcrowding and other dangerous conditions at facilities in South Texas' Rio Grande Valley, which the Trump administration disputes.

McAleenan disputed news reports, including those by The Associated Press, of especially troubling conditions at a border station in Clint, Texas, where a stench was coming from children's clothing and some detainees were suffering from scabies and chickenpox.

"There's adequate food and water," he said. "The facility's cleaned every day, because I know what our standards are and I know they've been followed because we have tremendous levels of oversight. Five levels of oversight."

"Inadequate food, inadequate water and unclean cells. None of those have been substantiated," he said.

Federal grand jury probing GOP fundraiser Elliott Broidy

By JIM MUSTIAN
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal grand jury in New York is investigating top Republican fundraiser Elliott Broidy, examining whether he used his position as vice chair of President Donald Trump's inaugural committee to drum up business deals with foreign leaders, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press and other people familiar with the matter.

A wide-ranging subpoena the U.S. Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, N.Y., recently sent to Trump's inaugural committee seeks records relating to 20 individuals

and businesses. All have connections to Broidy, 61, his investment and defense contracting firms and foreign officials he pursued deals with — including the current president of Angola and two politicians in Romania.

Prosecutors appear to be investigating whether Broidy exploited his access to Trump for personal gain and violated the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, which makes it illegal for U.S. citizens to offer foreign officials "anything of value" to gain a business advantage.

Things of value in this case could have been an invitation to the January 2017 inaugural events or access to Trump.

A statement released to the AP by Broidy's attorneys said that at no point did Broidy or his global security firm, Circinus, have a contract or exchange of money with "any Romanian government agency, proxy



Broidy

or agent." It also said that while Circinus did reach an agreement with Angola in 2016, there was no connection whatsoever to the in-

auguration or Broidy's role on the inaugural committee.

"Any implication to the contrary is completely false," the statement said.

The Brooklyn probe appears to be distinct from an inquiry by Manhattan federal prosecutors into the inaugural committee's record \$107 million fundraising and whether foreigners unlawfully contributed.

It followed a request last year by Democratic U.S. Sens. Elizabeth Warren, of Massachusetts, and Richard Blumenthal, of Connecticut, that the Justice Department investigate whether Broidy "used access to President Trump as a valuable enticement to for-

eign officials who may be in a position to advance Mr. Broidy's business interests abroad."

Brooklyn federal prosecutors and the president's inaugural committee declined to comment on the grand jury proceedings, which are secret. But two people familiar with the matter told the AP that the committee has already complied with the subpoena, issued in April, and a third said the FBI has interviewed at least one of Broidy's business associates named in the subpoena.

The people spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation.

Justice Department shaking up legal team on census question case

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department is shaking up the legal team fighting for the inclusion of a citizenship question on the 2020 census but offered no specifics on why the change was being made.

The change announced Sunday comes days after the department vowed to continue to try to find a legal path forward to include the question on the census. The Trump

administration has faced numerous roadblocks to adding the question, including a ruling from the Supreme Court that blocked its inclusion, at least temporarily.

President Donald Trump said last week that he was "very seriously" considering an executive order to get the question on the form. The government has already started to print the census questionnaire without the question. The Justice Department

was expected to file court papers Monday that show a new team of lawyers will take over.

"Since these cases began, the lawyers representing the United States in these cases have given countless hours to defending the Commerce Department and have consistently demonstrated the highest professionalism, integrity and skill inside and outside the courtroom," Justice Department spokeswoman Kerri Kupec said

in a statement.

A department spokeswoman declined to comment when asked whether the change had been ordered by Attorney General William Barr.

James Burnham, a top lawyer in the department's civil division, will no longer be leading the litigation team, said the official, who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity to discuss the matter ahead of the court filing.

The Trump administration has argued that the question was being added to aid in enforcing the Voting Rights Act, which protects minority voters' access to the ballot box.

But Chief Justice John Roberts joined the court's four more liberal members in last month's Supreme Court decision, saying the administration's justification for the question "seems to have been contrived."

NATION

Iranian scientists accused of violating US sanctions

By KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press

ATLANTA — When a respected Iranian scientist left Tehran bound for the U.S. last fall, he had plans to complete the final stage of his research on treating stroke patients as a visiting scholar at the prestigious Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

Instead, when professor Masoud Soleimani touched down on U.S. soil, federal authorities armed with a secret indictment arrested him on charges that he had violated trade sanctions by trying to have biological material brought to Iran.

Nine months later, as tensions escalate between the two countries, Soleimani sits in a detention center just south of Atlanta embroiled in a legal fight over the application of sweeping U.S. sanctions that have caused prices to skyrocket in Iran.

His lawyers say Soleimani — who works in stem cell research, hematology and regenerative medicine — seized on a former student's plans to travel from the U.S. to Iran in September 2016 as a chance to get recombinant proteins used in his research for a fraction of the price he'd pay at

home.

But federal prosecutors say the attempted transport was illegal and secretly obtained an indictment against Soleimani in June 2018. Government officials revoked his visa and arrested him in October when he landed in Chicago.

Soleimani and two of his former students are accused of conspiring and attempting to export biological materials from the U.S. to Iran without authorization. The two counts each carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

Lawyers for the three scientists say their clients did nothing wrong. They argue that no specific license was required because the proteins are medical materials and that taking them to Iran for noncommercial purposes doesn't amount to exporting goods.

The U.S. attorney's office in Atlanta declined to comment, but prosecutors have argued in court filings that the comprehensive sanctions in place for years do not allow goods to be exported to Iran except under very limited conditions that don't apply in this case.

Soleimani had reached out to Mahboobe Ghaedi, a permanent U.S. resident from Iran who has

worked in stem cell research and regenerative medicine at several American universities, about getting some recombinant proteins, the indictment says.

The proteins cost about \$8,000 in the U.S. but would have cost Soleimani about \$40,000 in Iran, his lawyer Leonard Franc said.

Ghaedi ordered the proteins from U.S. companies and sent them to Maryam Jazayeri, who agreed to take them to Soleimani when she traveled to Iran to visit family, according to court filings.

Jazayeri, an Iranian-born U.S. citizen who holds a doctorate in clinical biochemistry and lives in Kentucky, was detained and questioned at the Atlanta airport on Sept. 6, 2016, her lawyers wrote in a filing. Customs officials searched her luggage and took the vials of recombinant proteins before letting her board her flight.

When federal prosecutors got an indictment nearly two years later, they filed it under seal, explaining in a court filing that Soleimani lived in Iran but planned to visit the U.S. in the near future and might cancel his plans if the charges were revealed before he traveled.

Franc wrote in a court filing



ELIZABETH NIDA OBERT, THE ROCHESTER (MINN.) POST-BULLETIN/AP

This undated photo shows the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. An Iranian scientist was arrested on charges of violating trade sanctions when he traveled to America to complete his research as a visiting scholar at the clinic.

that Soleimani's research "has led to global lifesaving medical advancements in regenerating non-functional human body parts."

UCLA bioengineering professor Ali Khademhosseini wrote in a letter submitted with Soleimani's motion to dismiss the charges that the substances have a shelf life of three to six months and "cannot be used for nefarious purposes such as the composition of biological, chemical, or other types of weapons."

An FBI expert who analyzed them reached the same conclusion, defense lawyers noted in court filings.

But prosecutors never mention terrorism. They allege violations of sanctions meant to isolate Iran from trade with the U.S. An ex-

ception for medicine and medical devices depends on the way those items are defined under federal law, prosecutors say.

"Notably, items for medical research, including the proteins at issue, are not listed in the definition," they wrote.

Those items require a license from the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control before they can be exported, prosecutors argued.

Ghaedi and Jazayeri are free on bond. A federal magistrate judge in Atlanta declined to release Soleimani, saying he has no legal status in the U.S. since his visa was canceled so he would have to be turned over to the Department of Homeland Security and could be deported before facing the charges.

Archdiocese removes prominent Detroit priest from pulpit



PAUL SANCYA/AP

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit has removed the Rev. Eduard Perrone from public ministry over a child abuse allegation.

By MIKE HOUSHOLDER
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Associated Press

DETROIT — A conservative Detroit priest renowned for his orchestral Masses and traditional Latin services has been removed from public ministry after the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit reviewed what it described as a "credible allegation" that he had abused a child decades ago.

The announcement, made during services Sunday at the Rev. Eduard Perrone's church, shocked parishioners and came a month after The Associated Press began asking the pastor, the archdiocese and law enforcement authorities about a former altar boy's allegations that Perrone groped him.

Archdiocese officials told Perrone's congregation at Assumption

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish during services Sunday that members of the local archdiocese review board found a "semblance of truth" to the accusations, but that they are maintaining a presumption of innocence.

After Mass, a number of people stopped at the back of the church to ask questions of two archdiocesan officials and pick up a written statement about Perrone.

The pastor is prohibited from representing himself as a priest or wearing clerical attire while the Vatican reviews the allegations, the archdiocese said in the written statement.

The statement also said the archdiocese had reported the allegation to local law enforcement and the Michigan attorney general's office. The attorney general's

office declined to comment last month, but it has an open investigation into clergy abuse in the Catholic Church in Michigan and charged five men who were priests with 21 counts of sexual misconduct in May.

The Detroit Archdiocese on Sunday added Perrone's name to its list of dozens of credibly accused priests, many deceased. More than 140 religious orders and Roman Catholic dioceses have released similar lists. Most of those lists were either released or significantly updated since a Pennsylvania grand jury last summer detailed hundreds of cases of alleged abuse.

Last month, Perrone denied any wrongdoing when the AP asked him about the allegations that, years ago, he would invite

altar boys to his mother's lake house where he would wrestle with them in the water for hours. At times, the wrestling turned to inappropriate grabbing and groping, said a former altar boy who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity to protect his privacy.

Perrone said it was the first he heard of any allegations against him.

Three other former altar boys interviewed by the AP said they never experienced or even heard of sexual abuse by Perrone, though one said Perrone struck his head with a book for misbehaving and another said that as a child he was afraid the priest would hit him.

They also spoke on condition of anonymity to protect their privacy.

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NATION

Police ID 5 victims in Mo. apartment deaths

ST. LOUIS — Police have identified five people who were found dead inside a St. Louis-area apartment over the weekend.

St. Louis County police said a sixth person who had stayed overnight at the apartment near Dellwood discovered the bodies around noon Saturday.

Police said the victims are Ronald Brewster Jr., 40, Rodney Holt, 37; Rondall Mullin, 65; Derrick Penny, 54; and James Penny, 54.

Police haven't released information about potential suspects or motives or said how the victims were killed. They also have not said why they were all in the apartment.

Arizona prison making room for ICE detainees

ELOY, Ariz. — The departure of California prison inmates from an Arizona correctional center is expected to leave more room for Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees.

The Casa Grande Dispatch reported that up to 2,500 beds at the La Palma Correctional Center could be available for ICE detainees after California announced plans in June to remove its inmates.

Owner CoreCivic Inc. has said no families or unaccompanied minors would be placed in the facility southeast of Phoenix.

The private prison started housing ICE detainees under a contract with the federal government in 2018.

Carters celebrating 73 years of marriage

ATLANTA — Former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, are marking their 73rd wedding anniversary, approaching George and Barbara Bush as the longest-married presidential couple in U.S. history.

The Carters married July 7, 1946, in a Methodist church in their hometown of Plains, Ga., when he was 21 and she was 18.

The Bushes wed Jan. 6, 1945. They then married 73 years and 111 days when Barbara Bush died in April 2018.

WAGA-TV reported that on Valentine's Day this year, the Carters were caught on the "Kiss Cam" at the Atlanta Hawks game.

Carter, a Democrat, was president from 1977 to 1981. He is 94.

Teen accused of gunfire at Calif. mall arrested

SAN BRUNO, Calif. — Police have arrested one of two teenagers they say opened fire at a San Francisco Bay Area shopping mall days earlier, wounding two people.

San Bruno police Chief Ed Barberini announced the arrest Saturday of a 16-year-old San Francisco boy on suspicion of attempted murder. A 15-year-old boy suspected of being an accomplice also was arrested.

Police are searching for the other suspect in the shooting, Deandre Gantt, 18, of San Francisco.

From The Associated Press

Trump's NY tax returns now available

Gov. Cuomo signs new law giving Congress ability to request state documents

By LAURA DAVISON
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Bloomberg

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed into law a measure that would give key members of Congress the ability to request President Donald Trump's state tax returns.

The law opens a new avenue for House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal, who has sued the IRS and Treasury Department for refusing to release Trump's federal returns, to gain insight into Trump's personal and business financial obligations.

"This bill gives Congress the ability to fulfill its constitutional responsibilities, strengthen our democratic system and ensure that no one is above the law," Cuomo said in a statement.

Democrats have been seeking to obtain six years of the president's personal and business tax returns since April, but the administration has blocked re-

peated requests using a federal law, which the New York measure mimics, and subpoenas. Neal escalated the conflict last week by suing the administration for the documents.

Despite the law, Neal has said he would not request the New York state returns because his inquiry is focused on how the IRS routinely audits presidents and vice presidents. The Trump administration has disputed that claim, saying Congress just wants the president's returns for political sport.

A spokesman for Neal didn't respond to a request for comment about whether he would acquire Trump's state returns using the new New York law. William Consovo, a lawyer for Trump, also didn't immediately respond to a request for comment about whether Trump would sue to block the release.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler has said the New York law would

make getting the returns "a little easier," but under the law, only the chairman of the tax-writing committees could request the state returns.

That means Nadler and others investigating Trump, like Oversight Committee Chairman Elijah Cummings, of Maryland, and Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, of California, would have to rely on Neal — and technically Senate Finance Chairman Chuck Grassley, an Iowa Republican, who is opposed to investigating the president's taxes.

Neal's reluctance to use the New York law is likely to set up a clash with progressives who have criticized the Massachusetts Democrat for not moving more quickly to obtain the tax returns.

"Chairman Richard Neal should immediately request Trump's state tax returns as he is now legally entitled to do," Stand Up America, a progressive group, said in a statement. "Any further delay is an injustice to the Ameri-

can people who deserve transparency about Trump's foreign entanglements and massive conflicts of interest."

Neal's lawsuit to get the tax returns could drag on for months, if not years, potentially pushing any release of the tax returns beyond the 2020 presidential election.

The federal judge assigned to the case, Trevor McFadden, is a Trump appointee, and it's unclear how he'll rule. Last month, he rejected a request by House Democrats for an order blocking the president's plan to pay for construction of his southern U.S. border wall with about \$6.1 billion Congress had allocated for other purposes, saying he lacked jurisdiction to hear the case.

Trump, in refusing to release his tax returns as a major party candidate, bucked decades of tradition. He has said voters don't care about his tax returns and that the financial disclosure he's already released are more than adequate.



DAVE DILDINE, WTOP/AP

Motorists are stranded on a flooded section of Canal Road in Washington during a heavy rainstorm on Monday.

Rains strand DC drivers and flood White House basement

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A slow-moving rainstorm Monday washed out roads, stranded drivers and soaked basements, including the White House's, during a chaotic morning commute in the national capital region.

Water gushed into the press workspace in the basement near the White House's West Wing. Government employees worked to drain puddles of standing water with wet vacs.

National Weather Service meteorologist Cody Ledbetter said the storm dumped about 6.3 inches of rain near Frederick, Md., about 4.5 inches near Arlington, Va., and about 3.4 inches at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport in a two-hour period.

"The storm was not moving

very quickly," Ledbetter said.

Water levels at Cameron Run in Alexandria, Va., a flood-prone area along the Capital Beltway, rose more than 7 feet over 30 minutes after 9 a.m., according to the weather service. Four Mile Run, which runs through Arlington and Alexandria, saw a similar increase.

Pete Piringir, a spokesman for the fire department in Montgomery County, Md., said emergency workers used boats for dozens of rescues, plucking people from flooded cars.

"Everywhere I turned, there was traffic and roads closed," he said.

Piringir said he didn't immediately receive any reports of storm-related injuries.

Authorities advised people to avoid driving if possible.

Financier charged with federal sex trafficking crimes involving minors

The Washington Post

Federal prosecutors on Monday unsealed new sex trafficking charges against Jeffrey Epstein, alleging the politically connected multimillionaire abused dozens of female minors at his Manhattan and Palm Beach, Fla., homes and enlisted his victims to expand a network of possible targets.

Epstein pleaded not guilty to sex trafficking charges Monday in federal court in Manhattan and will remain in jail until a bail hearing Thursday.

Epstein, who was arrested over the weekend, had previously pleaded guilty to Florida state charges of soliciting prostitution to resolve allegations he molested dozens of girls. That arrangement has been widely criticized as lenient. As part of the deal, he had to spend just more than a year in jail and was allowed to leave daily for work, and he never faced any federal exposure.

The new charges, described in a 14-page indictment brought by the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan, could lead to a much harsher penalty. Epstein is charged in a two-count indictment with sex trafficking and sex trafficking conspiracy for crimes alleged to have occurred between 2002 and 2005. Each charge carries a penalty of no less than 10 years in prison, with the possibility of a life sentence.

U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman said prosecutors will seek to have Epstein detained pending trial,

though they will likely encounter resistance from Epstein's legal team. The Justice Department is also seeking to seize Epstein's mansion on the Upper East Side of Manhattan where some of the alleged crimes occurred.

The U.S. attorney's office said in a news release that Epstein created "a network and operation enabling him to sexually exploit and abuse dozens of underage girls" and that he paid victims to recruit other underage girls. The indictment alleges his victims were as young as 14 years old.

Epstein, according to the indictment, recruited the girls to perform "massages," which would become "increasingly sexual in nature." He then paid hundreds of dollars for each encounter, according to the indictment.

The indictment also alleges that Epstein "actively encouraged certain of his victims to recruit additional girls to be similarly sexually abused," and that he "intentionalized his victims to become recruiters by paying these victim-recruiters hundreds of dollars for each girl they brought to Epstein." Prosecutors alleged Epstein was trying to ensure he had a "steady stream of minor victims."

Epstein, now 66, is a financier who once counted among his friends President Donald Trump and former President Bill Clinton. His alleged victims have long claimed the criminal justice system treated him differently because of his wealth and political connections.

NATION

Iowa, Nevada to launch caucus vote via phone

By MICHELLE L. PRICE
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Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Democrats in the early presidential contest states of Iowa and Nevada will be able to cast their votes over the telephone instead of showing up at their states' traditional neighborhood caucus meetings next February, according to plans unveiled by the state parties.

The tele-caucus systems, the result of a mandate from the Democratic National Committee, are aimed at opening the local-level political gatherings to more people, especially evening shift workers and people with disabilities, who critics of the caucuses have long said are blocked from the process.

The changes are expected to boost voter participation across the board, presenting a new opportunity for the Democratic Party's 2020 candidates to drive up support in the crucial early voting states.

"This is a no-excuse option" for participation, said Shelby Wiltz, the Nevada Democrats' caucus director.

Party officials don't have an estimate of how many voters will take advantage of the call-in option. But in Iowa, some recent polls show as many as 20% of Democrats will participate virtually. In Nevada, most voters tend to cast ballots early during regular elections, and party officials expect many will take advantage of the early presidential vote.

While rolling out a new voting system holds the promise of more voter participation, it also comes with potential risks for confusion or technical troubles. But the party is moving forward to try and address long-standing criticism that the caucuses

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Iowa Democratic Party chairman

are exclusionary and favor some candidates over others.

The Iowa caucuses, a series of party-run, local-level organizing meetings that adopted a presidential preference element more than 50 years ago, have come under increasing criticism in the past decade for their fixed evening time and place. Such rules effectively barred participation in the first-in-the-country nominating contest, for instance, for parents unable to find child care or older voters hesitant to venture out in the dead of winter.

Hillary Clinton and her supporters complained that Iowa's process "disenfranchised" those unable to attend after she finished a disappointing third place in the 2008 caucuses.

In 2016, backers of Sen. Bernie Sanders cried foul over the Iowa results when Clinton won a razor-thin margin, 49.9% to 49.6%, despite some irregularities in reporting results. The dispute, replicated in part in Nevada, was a key factor in the push from groups on the left to overhaul the nominating process heading into 2020.

Nevada, the third state in the Democrats' early contest sequence, has been using caucuses for only a decade but has faced some of the same participation challenges, especially among Las Vegas casino workers who have shifts during the Saturday

caucus meetings.

By opting for a dial-in program, the systems can reach people in Iowa's and Nevada's vast rural stretches where broadband internet coverage may be spotty. Iowa since 2014 has offered a smaller-scale tele-caucus, allowing out-of-state members of the military and Iowans living abroad to call in to live neighborhood caucus meetings and participate over the phone.

The DNC's mandate has been a challenge for party operatives who sought to maintain security while also maintaining the spirit of the caucuses, which are chiefly local, party-building activities aimed at electing delegates to party conventions. Officials say that by avoiding an internet-based program they are reducing the risk of hacking, a key concern in an era of renewed concern about election tampering.

While Nevada Democrats said accessibility, not security, drove them to opt for a phone-in system, Iowa Democrats said they felt a lower-tech option was safer.

"With this system, it's easier than making sure thousands of computers across the state are not filled with malware and not being hacked," Iowa Democratic Party Chairman Troy Price said.

Yet officials acknowledge that relying on phone systems does raise security concerns.

"Are they unhackable? Certainly not," said Jeremy Epstein, a voting systems expert with ACM, the largest international association of computer science professionals. "None of these technologies are really bulletproof."

The state parties presented their plans late last month to the DNC's Rules and Bylaws Committee. Committee members applauded the work and gave conditional approval but asked for more information about the security and functionality of the systems.

"We are working with every state party that is integrating these tools so they can make their voting process secure and successful. We look forward to working with Democrats in these states to address the committee's questions," DNC spokesman David Bergstein said in a statement.

Both state parties plan to require Democratic voters to register online in advance of their virtual caucus, verifying their identity with "multi-factor authentication." Voters will receive a PIN that they'll have to enter when they call in to participate.

Iowans who register on time will have six times to choose from to participate by phone, including the in-person caucus night, Feb. 3. Nevadans who register for the virtual caucus can participate on Feb. 16 or 17. Unlike Iowa, Nevada is also offering three days of in-person early caucusing to give people more options.

Wiltz said security experts with the DNC will be vetting the systems later this year to test for vulnerabilities to breaches or hacking.

"This isn't something that we're taking lightly. We understand our responsibility," Wiltz said.

Congress has ambitious agenda tackling health care costs

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers are trying to set aside their irreconcilable differences over the Obama administration's Affordable Care Act and work to reach bipartisan agreement on a more immediate health care issue — lowering costs for people who already have coverage.

Returning from their Fourth of July recess, the Senate and House are pushing to end surprise medical bills, curb high prices for medicines and limit prescription copays for people with Medicare.

Partisan disagreements could derail the effort, but lawmakers fear the voters' verdict in 2020 if politicians have nothing to show for all their hand-wringing about drug prices.

President Donald Trump has political exposure himself because the big price cuts he promised haven't materialized. On Friday, he promised an executive order that he said would be intended to enable the U.S. government to pay lower prices for prescription drugs. The U.S. would pay no more than the lowest amount paid by other nations or companies, he said.

"Frankly, the issue is so urgent for Americans who are facing increasing drug costs that to us, it's really not about who gets the cred-



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Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., addresses House and Senate Democrats ahead of a House vote on the Health Care and Prescription Drug Package in Washington in May. Lawmakers plan to work on a number of proposals related to medical care and costs after returning from the Fourth of July recess.

it," said Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo. "It's about what kind of relief we can give to consumers." She serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has a role in shaping the legislation.

In the Senate, Republican Lamar Alexander has shepherded bipartisan legislation on sur-

prise medical bills through the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee that he leads. That bill also would raise the legal age for buying tobacco products to 21.

"Obviously, we will continue to have significant disagreements

on ... Obamacare," said Alexander. "What we've done is shift our focus to the larger topic — or the different topic — of reducing health care costs." He would like his bill to be on the Senate floor by the end of this month.

Different pieces of legislation are at various stages in a half-

dozen committees in the Senate and the House. The Senate seems to hold the keys to what can pass because Republicans and Democrats have to work together to avoid gridlock on the Senate floor that could sidetrack legislation. In the House, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is keeping an open line to the Trump administration on drug costs.

"The public demand for action is high on both sides of the aisle, and I'm sure these guys are feeling it," said John Rother, of the National Coalition on Health Care, an umbrella group that represents a cross-section of business and consumer organizations. "They have to do something, and the question is, is that something going to be meaningful or is it going to be window dressing?"

Among the major issues, House Democrats are pushing for a floor vote on authorizing Medicare to directly negotiate prescription drug prices. Legislation from Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas, would empower the government to license generic competition if the manufacturer of a brand name drug refuses to deal.

Medicare negotiations are a nonstarter for Senate Republicans, and the administration has been opposed — although candidate Trump once advocated the Liberals in the House say they're not backing off.

NATION

US architect's work added to heritage list

By SOPHIA TAREEN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The work of famed American architect Frank Lloyd Wright was recognized Sunday as eight of his buildings, including the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York City, Los Angeles' Hollyhock House and the Unity Temple in suburban Chicago, were added to the UNESCO World Heritage list.

"Each of these buildings offers innovative solutions to the needs for housing, worship, work or leisure," read a statement from the World Heritage Committee. "Wright's work from this period had a strong impact on the development of modern architecture in Europe."

The committee met Sunday in Baku, Azerbaijan, and also added to the list Italy's hills of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene, which is home to the world-famous sparkling wine Prosecco.

The group noted Wright's use of "organic architecture," including an open plan, with blurred boundaries between exterior and interior, and the "unprecedented use" of steel and concrete. The Wright buildings are counted as the 24th U.S. site on the list.

The other Wright buildings included are the Frederick C. Robie House in Chicago; Taliesin in Spring Green Wis.; the Herbert and Katherine Jacobs House in Madison, Wis.; Fallingwater in Mill Run, Pa.; and Taliesin West in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Among his most iconic buildings was the Guggenheim, with its spiral ramp for viewing galleries. It was completed in 1959, the same year Wright died.

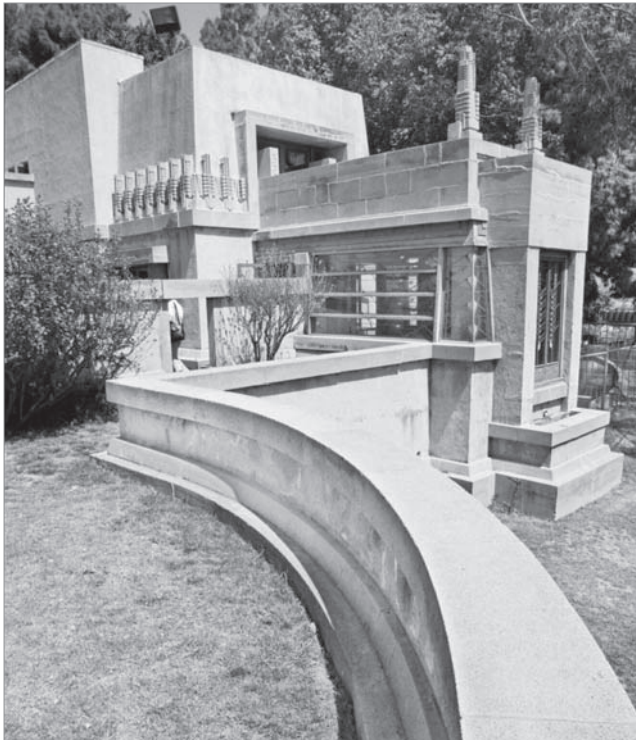
The Unity Temple is in Oak Park, Ill., which is home to the largest concentration of Wright-designed buildings, including his home and studio. The church, completed in 1908, was one of the first U.S. public buildings to feature exposed concrete, according to the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust, which is based in the Chicago area. The temple and the Robie House, which recently underwent restoration, are standards of Wright's "Prairie style," relying on strong horizontal features like a prairie landscape.

"This really is a significant moment for Frank Lloyd Wright," said trust President & CEO Celeste Adams. "It places him on an international stage."

Los Angeles officials also celebrated the status.

The Hollyhock House, Wright's first California commission, is now owned by the city of Los Angeles and serves as an arts center. Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell said the building, finished in 1921, "is a beloved masterpiece locally, and now a treasure worldwide."

More than 1,000 sites in 167 countries are recognized by the United Nations' cultural organization. They can be examples of outstanding natural beauty or man-made buildings.



AP photos

Above: The exterior of Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House in Los Angeles is seen in 2000. Below: The interior of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York is shown in 2011. Eight buildings designed by Wright, including the Hollyhock House and Guggenheim, were honored as World Heritage sites by UNESCO.



New inscribed properties (2019)

■ Cultural properties

Ancient ferrous metallurgy sites of Burkina Faso
Archaeological Ruins of Liangzhu City, China
Babylon, Iraq
Bagan, Myanmar
Budj Bim Cultural Landscape, Australia
Churches of the Pskov School of Architecture, Russian Federation
Dilmun Burial Mounds, Bahrain
Erzgebirge/Krusnohorit Mining Region, Czechia, Germany
Historic Centre of Sheki with the Khan's Palace, Azerbaijan
Jaipur City, Rajasthan, India
Jodrell Bank Observatory, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Krzemionki Prehistoric Striped Flint Mining Region, Poland
Landscape for Breeding and Training of Ceremonial Carriage Horses at Kladruby nad Labem, Czechia, Germany
Le Colline del Prosecco di Conegliano e Valdobbiadene, Italy
Megalthic Jar Sites in Xieng Khuang Plain of Jars, Lao People's Democratic Republic
Mozo-Furuichi Kofun Group: Mounded Tombs of Ancient Japan, Japan
Ombilin Coal Mining Heritage of Sawahlunto, Indonesia
Risco Caído and the Sacred Mountains of Gran Canaria Cultural Landscape, Spain
Royal Building of Matra-Palace, Basilica, Convent, Cerco Garden and Hunting Park (Tapada), Portugal
Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte in Braga, Portugal
Seowon, Korean Neo-Confucian Academies, Republic of Korea
The 20th Century Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright, United States
Water Management System of Augsburg, Germany
Writing-on-Stone/Aisinaipi, Canada
■ Natural properties
French Austral Lands and Seas, France
Hyrcanian Forests, Iran
Migratory Bird Sanctuaries along the Coast of Yellow Sea-Bohai Gulf of China, China
Vatnajökull National Park — dynamic nature of fire and ice, Iceland
■ Mixed property
Paraty and Ilha Grande-Culture and Biodiversity, Brazil
■ Significant modifications to the boundaries
Mixed property
Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region, Albania, North Macedonia

Source: UNESCO

WORLD

Saudi carrier dropping Boeing 737s for Airbus

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A Saudi budget carrier says it is ordering 30 Airbus planes in a deal that replaces a \$6 billion agreement it had with Boeing for its troubled 737 Max jets, which are grounded around the world after two crashes.

Flyadeal, operated by Saudi Arabian Airlines Corp., says the order will result in the airline operating an all-Airbus A320 fleet in the future.

S. Korea seeks to end trade rift with Japan

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's president said Monday the country is committed to finding a diplomatic solution to a bitter dispute over tightened Japanese control of exports of high-tech materials used by South Korean companies to produce semiconductors and displays.

In a meeting with senior aides, President Moon Jae-in called for Japan to withdraw what he described as a politically motivated measure and for "sincere" bilateral discussions on the issue.

He said South Korea would be left no choice but to take countermeasures if the Japanese trade controls damage South Korean companies.

Probe sought to end Philippine drug killings

MANILA, Philippines — Amnesty International urgently called for international pressure and an immediate U.N. investigation to help end what it says are possible crimes against humanity in the Philippine president's bloody anti-drug crackdown.

The London-based rights watchdog said in a study released Monday that extrajudicial killings in President Rodrigo Duterte's 3-year-old campaign remain rampant and the scale of abuses has reached "the threshold of crimes against humanity."

About 6,600 people, most of them accused of petty drug crimes, have been killed in the crackdown Duterte launched as his centerpiece project when he took office in mid-2016.

Little backlash from Mexico on crackdown

MEXICO CITY — Mexican police, soldiers and National Guard are raiding hotels, buses and trains to round up migrants, creating scenes of weeping Central American mothers piled into police vans along with their children and overflowing detention centers with deplorable conditions.

Such scenes have caused an outcry in the United States, but in Mexico there has been little backlash against the government of President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador even though his country has historically had a deep sympathy for the plight of migrants.

That sympathy has been eroded by the migrant caravans of late 2018 and early 2019, which left a bad taste in the mouths of Mexicans.

From The Associated Press

UK hunts leaker of ambassador's Trump criticism

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — The British government was hunting Monday for the source of a leak of diplomatic cables from Britain's ambassador in Washington that branded President Donald Trump's administration "dysfunctional" and "inept."

British officials are embarrassed by the publication of Kim Darroch's unflattering assessment — but more alarmed that sensitive confidential information has been leaked, possibly for political ends.

The leaked cables were intended for senior U.K. ministers and civil servants, and officials believe the mole will be found among British politicians or officials, rather than overseas.

"I've seen nothing to suggest hostile state actors were involved," said Prime Minister

Theresa May's spokesman, James Slack.

The inquiry is being led by civil servants in the Cabinet Office, and Slack said police would be called in only "if evidence of criminality is found."

It's possible the leaker could be charged with breaching the Official Secrets Act, which bars public servants from making "damaging" disclosures of classified material. Breaching the act carries a maximum sentence of two years in prison, though prosecutions are rare.

Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt said there would be "very serious consequences" if the culprit was caught.

He said the ability to communicate frankly was "fundamental" to diplomacy.

Slack said May had "full faith" in Darroch, a long-serving diplomat, although she didn't agree



SAIT SERKAN GURBUZ/AP

The U.K. is looking for the source of a leak that released blunt statements by British Ambassador Kim Darroch, above, about President Donald Trump's administration.

with his characterization of the Trump administration.

He said ambassadors were hired to provide "honest, unvarnished assessments" of politics in the countries where they served, which didn't necessarily reflect the views of the British government.

In the leaked cables — published in the Mail on Sunday newspaper — Darroch called the Trump administration's policy toward Iran "incoherent," said Trump might be indebted to "dodgy Russians" and raised doubts about whether the White House "will ever look competent."

"We don't really believe this administration is going to become substantially more normal; less dysfunctional; less unre-

dictable; less faction riven; less diplomatically clumsy and inept," one missive said.

The cables cover a period from 2017 to recent weeks. Darroch has served as Britain's envoy to Washington since 2016.

After the cables were published, Trump said the ambassador "has not served the U.K. well, I can tell you that."

"We are not big fans of that man," Trump said.

The leak is an embarrassment for outgoing prime minister May, who has sometimes clashed with Trump and could make things difficult for Darroch, who is accused by some Brexit-backing U.K. politicians of a lack of enthusiasm for Britain's departure from the European Union.

Mitsotakis sworn in as newest Greek PM

By ELENA BECATOROS
Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Conservative party leader Kyriakos Mitsotakis has been sworn in as Greece's new prime minister Monday, a day after his resounding win over left-wing Alexis Tsipras, who led the country through the tumultuous final years of its international bailouts.

Mitsotakis, 51, arrived at the presidential mansion for the official swearing-in ceremony accompanied by his wife and three children, with the ceremony conducted by Archbishop of Athens Ieronymos. He was to then head to the prime minister's office for a handover of duties and was expected to name his Cabinet later in the day.

Mitsotakis' New Democracy party won 39.8% of the vote, giving him 158 seats in the 300-member parliament, a comfortable governing majority. Tsipras' Coalition of the Radical Left, or Syriza, garnered 31.5%. The extremist right-wing Golden Dawn, Greece's third-largest party during the height of the financial crisis, failed to make the 3%



PETROS GIANNAKOPOULOS/AP

Greek conservative party leader Kyriakos Mitsotakis talks at the New Democracy headquarters in Athens on Sunday. He was sworn in Monday as the new prime minister.

threshold to enter parliament.

Mitsotakis will have to move fast to deal with the myriad problems still plaguing the economy. Europe's finance ministers are meeting in Brussels on Monday and will be discussing Greece, which still has stringent fiscal targets to meet even though it no longer directly receives bailout loans.

"I assume the governance of the country with full awareness of the national responsibility," Mitsotakis said in his victory speech Sunday night. "I know of the difficulties that lie ahead for me and for my associates. But I draw strength from the strength of the people."

Russia's direct flight ban for Georgia takes effect

By SOPHKO MEGRELIDZE
Associated Press

TBILISI, Georgia — A Russian government ban on direct flights between Russia and Georgia went into force Monday, affecting thousands of travelers and dealing a serious blow to Georgia's tourism industry.

The ban affected dozens of flights operated by six Russian airlines and one Georgian airline.

The last direct flight between the two countries before the flight ban took effect landed in Moscow on Sunday evening. Travelers will have to stop at airports in other countries, which will add at least an hour and a half of extra travel time, while the ban is in place.

President Vladimir Putin introduced the ban last month following violent protests in the Georgian capital, Tbilisi, set off by a Russian lawmaker's visit to Georgia's parliament.

The appearance, which included the lawmaker taking the seat of the Georgian parliament speaker, stoked animosity over Russia's support for Georgia's two breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

The South Caucasus nation with scenic mountains, lush sea coast and renowned wine culture hosts more than 1 million Russian tourists a year.

Oksana Litvyak, who lives in

the Russian town of Tosno outside St. Petersburg, grew up in Georgia and her parents and sister still are there. Litvyak bought airline tickets to go to Tbilisi in August the day before the Georgian parliament protests.

"I broke down and cried and got really angry but then started looking for new tickets," she said. "This ban has hit ordinary people the worst because Russia and Georgia are tied together by centuries of history."

Litvyak has since gotten a refund for the flight and eventually found cheaper tickets on a Belarusian airline flight that will involve a layover in Minsk.

Russian tourists who were in Georgia's capital on Monday said they would keep coming back to enjoy the mountains, seaside and food.

"I don't think that [the flight ban] will stop tourists coming to Georgia because who has been here, they will definitely return," said Marina Bondareva, who is from Moscow.

Hotel owners and travel guides were estimating losses from a disrupted tourist season.

Rusudan Japaridze, a tour guide in a Tbilisi travel agency, said the flight ban already had hurt bookings through October. Japaridze said 80% of Russian language tour guides were left without work, citing his agency's figures.

WORLD

Defector's son moves to N. Korea

By HUYUNG-JIN KIM
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — The son of the highest-profile South Korean to defect to North Korea has arrived in the North to permanently resettle, North Korean state media said.

If confirmed, it would be an unusual case of a South Korean defecting to the impoverished, authoritarian North.

The state-run Uriminzokkiri website reported that Choe In-guk, about 72, arrived in Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, on Saturday to dedicate the rest of his life to Korean unification at the guidance of leader Kim Jong Un. The website published photos and a video showing a bespectacled Choe in a beret reading his arrival statement at Pyongyang's airport.

Choe said he decided to live in North Korea for good because it was his parents' "dying wishes" for him to "follow" North Korea

and work for its unification with South Korea, according to a written statement published on the website.

Choe is the son of former South Korean Foreign Minister Choe Dok-shin, who defected to North Korea with his wife in 1986, years after he was reportedly embroiled in a corruption scandal and political disputes with then-South Korean President Park Chung-hee. He died in 1989.

Some analysts say North Korea accepted Choe In-guk so it could use him as a propaganda tool to tell its citizens its system is superior to South Korea's.

North Korea is struggling to revive its moribund economy and improve people's livelihoods since the United States has not agreed on major sanctions relief until it takes significant steps toward nuclear disarmament.

South Korea's Unification Ministry said Choe In-guk was in North Korea without special per-

mission from the Seoul government to visit the North. Ministry spokesman Lee Sang-min told reporters Monday that authorities were trying to determine details about Choe's travel to North Korea.

Before his 1986 defection to North Korea, the senior Choe had lived in the United States for about a decade and was a vocal critic of Park, who ruled South Korea with an iron fist from 1961 to 1979.

He was previously Park's foreign minister and ambassador in West Germany.

In North Korea, he was made vice chairman of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland, which deals with relations with South Korea, and chairman of the Central Committee of the Chondost Chongu Party, a political group affiliated with a Korean native religion called "Chondo." He once headed the Chodo church in South

Korea.

His wife, Ryu Mi Yong, also took a series of high-profile jobs, including membership in the presidium of the North's rubber-stamp parliament and chairwoman of the Central Committee of the Chondost Chongu Party.

When she died at the age of 95 in 2016, a public funeral was organized and her body was buried along with her husband's at Pyongyang's Patriotic Martyrs' Cemetery.

According to South Korea's Unification Ministry, Choe In-guk was allowed to make 12 authorized trips to North Korea since 2001 for events such as visiting his parents' cemetery and attending a death anniversary for his mother.

It wasn't immediately known how he went to North Korea, but South Korean media speculated he flew from Beijing with a North Korean government-issued visa.

Bosnians march in memory of massacre

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Thousands of people have joined a peace march through forests in Bosnia in memory of the worst massacre in Europe since World War II.

The 60-mile march that started Monday traces a route taken by Bosnian Muslims who fled the eastern Bosnian town of Srebrenica when it was captured by Bosnian Serbs during the war in the 1990s.

More than 8,000 men and boys were killed in and around the U.N.-protected enclave in July 1995.

Heather Mills gets UK hacking apology, payout

LONDON — Heather Mills, the former wife of Paul McCartney, and her sister have received an apology and a settlement from Britain's defunct News of the World tabloid over the hacking of their phones.

Heather Mills and her sister, Fiona Mills, both received a formal apology in Britain's High Court on Monday. In a statement read outside the court, she said she felt "joy and vindication" at the settlement.

Mills is one of a number of celebrities who have received settlements in the prolonged phone hacking scandal, which closed the Rupert Murdoch-owned News of the World in 2011. The paper was found to have hacked into the voicemail of many prominent Britons in a gross violation of privacy.

South African aiming to be first in space dies

JOHANNESBURG — Mandla Maseko, a South African man who had won the opportunity to become the first black African to go into space, has died in a motorcycle crash. He was 30.

Maseko was killed in Pretoria over the weekend, according to a family statement reported by local media Monday.

Maseko became known as an "Afronaut" and was an inspiration to many South Africans when he won an international competition to get a place in the Axiom Space Academy and spent a week in training at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida in 2015. His goal was to go into suborbital flight in which he would experience weightlessness.

London daredevil scales 1,017-foot-tall building

LONDON — A free climber in London has scaled one of the tallest buildings in Europe.

The man who climbed The Shard Monday morning was spotted by police after he made his ascent but hasn't been arrested.

London police said they were called to the scene after receiving reports that someone was climbing The Shard. Emergency services rushed to the scene but weren't needed.

The building is 1,017 feet high. Others have also scaled the building.

From The Associated Press

5 hurt on 2nd day of bull runs

Associated Press

PAMPLONA, Spain — The second day of bull runs at the San Fermin festival left five people injured, including one with a minor goring Monday, Spanish health officials said.

Two men and a woman were hospitalized with head injuries or severe bruises, said Tomas Belzuegui, a spokesman with the regional hospital in Pamplona.

Another runner was treated for bruises, and a fifth was gored in the back by a horn but didn't need hospital treatment.

The race lasted 2 minutes and 23 seconds. Eight bull runs are held in Pamplona every July.

The festival attracts around a million people annually to the northern city.



ALVARO BARRIENTOS/AP

Revellers run next to fighting bulls during the running of the bulls at the San Fermin Festival in Pamplona, northern Spain, on Monday.

Sudan: US pressure was key to reaching transition deal

By SAMY MAGDY
Associated Press

CAIRO — The power-sharing agreement reached between Sudan's military and pro-democracy protesters last week came after the United States and its Arab allies applied intense pressure on both sides amid fears a prolonged crisis could tip the country into civil war, activists and officials said.

The agreement, which raised hopes of a democratic transition following the military overthrow of long-ruling autocrat Omar al-Bashir in April, was announced days after the protesters held mass marches through Khartoum and other areas.

Those familiar with the negotiations say the main breakthrough happened at a secret meeting the day before the protests when diplomats from the U.S., Britain, Saudi Arabia

and the United Arab Emirates pressed the two sides to accept proposals from the African Union and Ethiopia.

"It was a tense but crucial meeting. It melted the ice," a leading activist said on condition of anonymity to discuss the back-room negotiations. "The meeting was the cornerstone of Friday's deal."

The two sides agreed on a jointly run sovereign council that will rule for a little over three years while elections are organized. A military leader will head the council for the first 21 months followed by a civilian leader for the next 18.

They also agreed on an independent Sudanese investigation into security forces' deadly crackdown on the protests last month — though it's unclear if anyone will be held accountable. The military also agreed to restore the internet after a weeklong blackout.

Much could still go wrong, and last month's violence erupted at a similarly hopeful moment. But for now, the deal appears to be on track, with the two sides expected to formally sign it this week.

Two leading activists, a Sudanese military official and two Egyptian officials described intense U.S. efforts to force a deal after veteran diplomat Donald Booth was appointed special envoy in mid-June. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the talks.

The Arab officials said the U.S. not only ramped up pressure on the military but also on Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt, which supported the military's overthrow of al-Bashir and sided with the generals when the protesters remained in the streets.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Poll: A quarter of Americans never plan to retire

By Andrew Soergel
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Nearly one-quarter of Americans say they never plan to retire, according to a poll that suggests a disconnection between individuals' retirement plans and the realities of aging in the workforce.

Experts say illness, injury, layoffs and caregiving responsibilities often force older workers to leave their jobs sooner than they'd like.

According to the poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, 23% of workers, including nearly 2 in 10 of those over 50, don't expect to stop working. Roughly another quarter of Americans say they will continue working beyond their 65th birthday.

According to government data, about 1 in 5 people 65 and older was working or actively looking for a job in June.

For many, money has a lot to do with the decision to keep working.

"The average retirement age that we see in the data has gone

up a little bit, but it hasn't gone up that much," said Anqi Chen, assistant director of savings research at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. "So people have to live in retirement much longer and they may not have enough assets to support themselves in retirement."

When asked how financially comfortable they feel about retirement, 14% of Americans under the age of 50 and 29% over 50 say they feel extremely or very prepared, according to the poll.

About another 4 in 10 older adults say they do feel somewhat prepared, while just about one-third feel unprepared. By comparison, 56% of younger adults say they don't feel prepared for retirement.

Among those who are fully retired, 38% said they felt very or extremely prepared when they retired, while 25% said they felt not very or not at all prepared.

"One of the things about thinking about never retiring is that you didn't save a whole lot of money," said Ronni Bennett, 78, who was pushed out of her job as

a New York City-based website editor at 63.

She searched for work in the immediate aftermath of her layoff, a process she describes as akin to "banging my head against a wall."

Finding Manhattan too expensive without a steady stream of income, she eventually moved to Portland, Maine. A few years later, she moved again, to Lake Oswego, Ore.

"Sometimes I fantasize that if I win the lottery, I'd go back to New York," said Bennett, who has a blog called Time Goes By that chronicles her experiences aging, relocating and, during the past two years, living with a pancreatic cancer diagnosis.

Meanwhile, Americans have mixed assessments of how the aging workforce affects workers: 39% think people staying in the workforce longer is mostly a good thing for American workers, while 29% think it's more a bad thing and 30% say it makes no difference.

A somewhat higher share, 45%, thinks it has a positive effect on the U.S. economy.

Working Americans who are 50 and older think the trend is more positive than negative for their own careers — 42% to 15%. Those younger than 50 are about as likely to say it's good for their careers as to say it's bad.

Just 6% of fully retired AP-NORC poll respondents said they left the labor market before turning 50.

But remaining in the workforce may be unrealistic for people dealing with unexpected illness or injuries. For them, high medical bills and a lack of savings could large over day-to-day expenditures.

"People like me, who are average, everyday working people, can have something catastrophic happen, and we lose everything because of medical bills," said Larry Zarzecki, a former Maryland police officer who stopped working in his 40s after developing a resting tremor in his right hand and a series of cognitive and physical symptoms he at times found difficult to articulate.

At 47, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Now 57 and living in Baltimore, Zarzecki

said he has learned "to take from Peter and give to Paul, per se, to help make needs meet."

The AP-NORC Center survey of 1,423 adults was conducted with funding from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

It was conducted Feb. 14-18 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population.

The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.7 percentage points.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (July 9)	\$1.1510
Dollar buys (July 9)	€0.8688
British pound (July 9)	\$1.28
Japanese yen (July 9)	105.00
South Korean won (July 9)	1,148.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3270
British pound	1.2570
Canada (Dollar)	1.3064
China (Yuan)	6.8799
Denmark (Krone)	6.6517
Egypt (Pound)	16.2001
Euro	\$1.1218/0.8914
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8012
Hungary (Forint)	289.44
Israel (Shekel)	3.5691
Japan (Yen)	106.62
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3043
Norway (Krone)	8.6306
Philippines (Peso)	51.33
Poland (Zloty)	3.79
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7504
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3587
South Korea (Won)	1,179.36
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9931
Thailand (Baht)	30.79
Turkey (Lira)	5.7189

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.50
Discount rate	2.00
Federals funds market rate	4.41
3-month bill	2.16
30-year bond	2.55

British Airways faces \$229M fine over data breach

Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's data regulator said Monday it wants to fine British Airways or \$229 million over a data breach that compromised information on half a million customers — the biggest to date under new, tougher data regulations.

The airline revealed in September that it had been the victim of a hack.

The scam saw customers diverted to a fake website where credit card details were harvested by the attackers.

"People's personal data is just that — personal. When an organization fails to protect it from loss, damage or theft, it is more than an inconvenience," Information Commissioner Elizabeth Denham said.

"That's why the law is clear

— when you are entrusted with personal data, you must look after it," she said.

The regulator said that the proposed fine — equivalent to 1.5% of the airline's annual turnover — is the biggest it has ever imposed. It comes about a year after European Union member states began implementing the most sweeping change in data protection rules in a generation.

The General Data Protection Regulation is designed to make it easier for EU residents to give and withdraw permission for companies to use personal information — but also forces companies that hold data to be accountable for looking after it.

Authorities can fine companies up to 4% of annual revenue or \$22.5 million, whichever is higher, for breaching the rules.

WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Yo-yo maker marks 90 years with contest

OH CLEVELAND — An Ohio toy company known for its yo-yos is marking 90 years in operation and plans to celebrate with a yo-yoing contest and other events in Cleveland next month.

Cleveland.com reported that Middlefield-based Duncan Toys also wants to try to break a Guinness world record for most players simultaneously yo-yoing.

The company is inviting the public to join in the attempt on Aug. 9 at Cleveland's downtown Public Square, where attendees also will have a chance to meet impressive yo-yoers and Duncan employees.

The four-day yo-yoing contest occurs that weekend too. Expert yo-yo enthusiasts from around the world are expected to participate in the four-day competition, which begins Aug. 7 at a Cleveland hotel.

Group works to pay students' lunch debts

SC FORT MILL — An alumni group in one South Carolina school district is helping pay students' lunch debt.

Fort Mill School District spokesman Joe Burke said that as of June 18, students had about \$12,000 in combined student lunch debt.

The Herald reported that the Fort Mill Ol' School Crowd is gathering donations to cover that balance.

Each school has an Angel Fund, to which community members can donate to ease students' negative lunch balances. Jean Deese, an alumni who helped start the debt relief effort, said students with balances are given an alternative lunch that makes the kids feel different and can lead to bullying.

Deese said they've raised more than \$5,000 since starting the effort about two years ago.

Toddler found safe after car stolen from driver

NC SOUTHERN PINES — Police in North Carolina said a toddler was found safe after a thief stole a car containing the child from a food delivery driver.

Southern Pines police said a DoorDash driver was making deliveries Friday night with her 1-year-old son in tow.

About 9 p.m., she made a delivery and left her car running and unlocked.

Police said the car was then stolen by the child inside.

The car was recovered about an hour later a mile or two away. The boy was alone and unharmed.

Starbucks apologizes to police for incident

AZ TEMPE — Starbucks has apologized after an employee reportedly asked six police officers to leave or change their location in one of the company's shops in a Phoenix suburb because another customer re-



ANDREE KEHN, THE (LEWISTON, MAINE) SUN JOURNAL/AP

Paddle battle

Paddleboarders take off from the start of the 5K Lakes Environmental Association Paddle Battle on Saturday on Highland Lake in Bridgton, Maine. All proceeds from the event benefit the association, which is a nonprofit dedicated to preserving and protecting 41 lakes in the southwestern part of the state.

ported feeling unsafe.

Starbucks said it has "deep respect for the Tempe Police Department" and was apologizing "for any misunderstanding or inappropriate behavior that may have taken place" during the July 4 encounter.

The Tempe Officers Association said the officers had just bought their drinks and were standing together before their shift started when a barista made the request for a customer.

The association called the request offensive and disheartening.

Centenarian couple proves love is ageless

OH SYLVANIA — John and Phyllis Cook are living proof love is ageless.

WNWO-TV reported that the couple living at a retirement facility in Sylvania went to get their marriage license at the county courthouse in Toledo last month and decided to tie the knot there and then. John just turned 100. Phyllis will be 103 in August.

The couple's relationship after dating a year had grown to the point where Phyllis thought it best they get married. She said it

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The number of drunken driving charges a Wisconsin man is facing following a motorcycle crash. The Dane County Sheriff's Office said Mark Gilman, 58, of Madison, was arrested Friday night after he drove his motorcycle onto a lawn in Blooming Grove Township and spun out. In addition to his arrest for felony operating while intoxicated, Gilman was charged with a parole violation, resisting and disorderly conduct.

might seem "far-fetched" at their age, "but we fell in love with each other."

Both were married twice previously to spouses who died. They spend lots of time together, but have decided to maintain their own apartments.

Asked what their favorite activity is, John replied, "Well, I probably shouldn't talk about that."

Police probe reports of zebra biting 4 people

TN SEYMOUR — The Blount County Sheriff's Office is investigating reports that a zebra at a privately owned farm in Seymour bit four people.

The Knoxville News Sentinel reported that three women went to local hospitals last week after they were bitten.

Two women received bites to their arms and a third was bit-

ten on the back. A fourth bite was from June 21, when a hospital treated a man for a bite to his hand.

Blount County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Marian O'Brian said the investigation is ongoing.

Farm owner Bobby Ed White told the Maryville newspaper The Daily Times that the zebra and other animals he owns are kept behind a fence on private property.

Inspection finds store infested with roaches

GA DOUGLAS — A state agency has ordered a Dollar General store in rural south Georgia to stop selling food after inspectors found the store infested with roaches.

WALB-TV reported that the Georgia Department of Agriculture discovered the roach in-

festation at the Dollar General in Douglas after responding to a customer's complaint.

Agriculture department spokeswoman Julie McPeak said investigators confirmed the roach problem, and store managers were ordered to throw out any food or drinks that might have been affected.

The store is prohibited from selling food until it passes a follow-up inspection.

Unpaid parking tickets to result in 'barnacles'

NE OMAHA — The city of Omaha will begin using a new device called a "barnacle" to immobilize vehicles with unpaid parking tickets.

The Omaha World-Herald reported that the city on Monday began using the device, which is a panel that attaches to a vehicle's windshield, blocking a driver's view.

Motorists can release the device themselves with a code they'll get by calling a number on the barnacle to pay the fines. Motorists must then take the barnacle to a drop-off location within 24 hours.

From wire reports

FACES

'Spider-Man' soars with \$185.1M over long weekend

Los Angeles Times

After two weeks of dominance, Disney's "Toy Story 4" was knocked from the top spot at the weekend box office by Sony and Marvel's "Spider-Man: Far from Home."

The third Marvel Cinematic Universe release of the year, "Far from Home" opened with \$39.3 million on Tuesday before earning \$93.6 million Friday through Sunday for a cumulative \$185.1 million through the weekend, according to estimates from measurement firm Comscore, well above analyst predictions of \$125 million.

Internationally, it's earned \$395 million since opening June 28, for a global cumulative of \$580 million.

The result is a rare win in what has so far been a summer dominated by franchise fatigue. While movies such as "Men in Black: International," "Dark Phoenix" and "Godzilla: King of the Monsters" have disappointed both critically and commercially, Marvel's films have consistently performed well, with "Avengers: Endgame" continuing to do business after 11 weeks in theaters.

"Far from Home," starring Tom Holland as the web-slinger follows this year's Marvel blockbusters "Captain Marvel" and "Endgame," picking up the MCU narrative where the latter left off.

In second place, "Toy Story 4" added \$34.3 million in its third weekend for a cumulative \$306.6 million. Internationally, it's earned \$43.1 million for a worldwide cumulative \$650 million.

"Yesterday" came in at No. 3, adding \$10.8 million in its second weekend for a cumulative \$36.9 million. It currently stands at \$57 million in global grosses.

In fourth place, "Annabelle Comes Home" added \$9.9 million in its second weekend for a cumulative \$50.2 million and \$134.8 million worldwide.

Disney's "Aladdin" added \$7.6 million in its seventh weekend for a cumulative \$320.8 million and \$921 million globally.



Kane Brown

DREW GURIAN, INVISION/AP

Familiar feeling

Country singer Kane Brown dedicates song, video 'Homesick' to military families

By KRISTIN M. HALL
Associated Press

Country singer Kane Brown says his new single "Homesick" may have been written about his experience traveling on the road and being away from his loved ones, but military families have connected to the song.

Brown's song is dedicated to military families, and the music video features returning service members surprising their families.

"I feel like the normal person can't relate to the 'Homesick' song because they're gone you know 9 to 5 and they come home," Brown said.

The song from his 2018 album "Experiment" is a pop country acoustic ballad. Brown wrote it about having to leave home every week to play shows around the country, he said.

"I was trying to find somebody else that could relate to just being away from home all the time," Brown said. "We had a bunch of fans send their

homecoming videos in and made an awesome music video, very tear-jerker music video."

He said he's currently shooting a second music video for the song that will also focus on the military but be more like a short film.

"I thought there's not many songs going out these days about the military like there used to be," Brown said. "I felt like this would really hit home for them. Just kind of like memories of, you know, anybody dancing in a kitchen, singing favorite songs with each other."

This is the third single from the "Experiment" album, following the No. 1 country airplay hits "Lose It" and "Good As You."

Brown, who started his career on social media posting cover songs online, said that he has seen a lot of positive responses from military families about the song.

"And like when I see somebody that's in the military at all, if they message me on social media, it's something that I always got to reply back," Brown said.

Disney Channel's Boyce dies at 20

From wire services

Cameron Boyce, a young Disney Channel star who also appeared in Adam Sandler films, died July 6 at age 20.

"It is with a profoundly heavy heart that we report that this morning we lost Cameron," a spokeswoman for the Boyce family told The Washington Post on Sunday in a statement. "He passed away in his sleep due to a seizure which was a result of an ongoing medical condition for which he was being treated. The world is now undoubtedly without one of its brightest lights, but his spirit will live on through the kindness and compassion of all who knew and loved him."

Boyce was born in Los Angeles and began acting before he was 10, scoring his first recurring role in 2008 on "General Hospital: Night Shift." He later became a mainstay on the Disney Channel, where he was best known for his roles as Carlos in the "Descendants" fantasy TV film franchise and as Luke Ross in the channel's family sitcom "Jessie." He also appeared in the "Grown Ups" film series as the son of Sandler's character.

Born to a Jewish mother and a black father, Boyce was an advocate for on-screen diversity.

Boyce also had a philanthropic streak, using his large social media audience (including more than 10 million Instagram followers) to raise \$27,000 in 40 days for the Thirst Project, which brings clean water to undeveloped countries.

Other news

■ **ASAP Rocky** was unable to headline London's Wireless Festival as planned on Sunday. He'll remain in Swedish custody for at least two more weeks, pending an investigation into an assault charge, Sweden's Prosecution Authority said.

■ **Rick Springfield** will not attend an upcoming event in the Dominican Republic over safety fears in the wake of several American tourists falling ill and dying after vacationing there. Citing "an abundance of caution," the entertainer is pulling out of his Rick Springfield & Friends show slated for Nov. 7-11 in Punta Cana.

■ **Brazilian musician Joao Gilberto**, one of the fathers of bossa nova music, died July 6 at his home in Rio de Janeiro. He was 88. Gilberto collaborated with the pianist Stan Getz on the 1964 album "Getz/Gilberto" that won album of the year at the Grammy Awards. It included the hit "The Girl from Ipanema."

■ **Martin Charnin**, who made his Broadway debut playing a Jet in the original "West Side Story" and went on to become a Broadway director and a lyricist who won a Tony Award for the score of "Annie," died July 6. He was 84.

Don Was leads Detroit revue for Motown milestone

By JEFF KAROUB
Associated Press

Don Was has performed with or produced many musical legends, including Bob Dylan, Mavis Staples, the Rolling Stones and Ringo Starr. But the Detroit-raised sonic craftsman starts as an apprentice like him when it comes to diving into the musicianship of the "Motown Sound."

The bassist, Grammy-winning producer and president of the Blue Note jazz label is particularly enthralled with the bass-playing of late Motown "Funk Brother" James Jamerson. Was prepares for his next big gig: the 12th Don Was Detroit All-Star Revue. The concert on Saturday at the Detroit Institute of Arts aims to celebrate the record company founded in Detroit 60 years ago and includes

classic Motown artists Martha Reeves, Carolyn Crawford and the Velvelettes.

"As time goes by, I appreciate those records more and more, and as I get deeper into the nuances of playing bass, James Jamerson blows me away more than ever now," Was said by phone. "I started writing out the charts for what we're doing, and he's an absolute genius. There was no one who ever played that way before."

Another of the Funk Brothers, guitarist Dennis Coffey, will help to capture some of that Motown house band magic, and Was is bringing along members of his own band, Was (Not Was).

The revue that's part of the 27th annual



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SHIFTING GEARS



2020 Chevrolet Silverado
Courtesy of Chevrolet/TNS

Truck battle could mean deep discounts

As Silverado, Ram jockey for No. 2 spot, price cuts could lure new customers

BY JAMIE L. LAREAU
Detroit Free Press

Car dealer Stephen Gilchrist has sold Ford, Chevrolet, GMC and Ram pickups in Texas truck country for more than two decades.

His rule of thumb was: "A Ford guy is a Ford guy, a Chevy guy is a Chevy guy and a Ram guy is a Ram guy," he said.

Not anymore.
"I've had more people call me looking at Ram for the 12-inch infotainment screen or looking at GMC for the MultiPro tailgate," said Gilchrist, dealer operator of Gilchrist Automotive in Dallas-Fort Worth. "It's the most I've seen people willing to jump from brand to brand and it's for these unique features rather than the payload and towing ability."

The intense competition in the Detroit Three's Truck Wars has led to deep discounts, an unusual move given that two of the three have redesigned pickups out. Typically, automakers resist markdowns on newly designed vehicles because such rebates erode profits.

But in a frenzied fight for a piece of the highly profitable pickup segment, and with Ford's F-Series secure as the top seller, General Motors' Chevrolet Silverado and Fiat-Chrysler's Ram are jockeying for the No. 2 slot. That means Detroit automakers appear willing to keep using price cuts to lure new consumers, dealers say.

"You're always told your most expensive customer is your conquest customer," said Gilchrist, referring to buyers who switch brands.

Second-quarter sales

Fiat Chrysler released its second-quarter sales last week. Sales of the Ram rose nearly 38.5% to 179,454 in the quarter compared with the same period a year ago. That makes Ram the second-top-selling pickup in the United States behind the Ford F-Series, which has been the leader for 42 years.

GM reported that Silverado quarterly sales tumbled 9% to 155,529 and sales of the GMC Sierra slid 4.3% to 56,857 in the second quarter compared with a year earlier.

Through June, Ram sales are up 28% to 299,480, but Silverado sales are down 12.2% to 255,463.

"Ram has pulled out a lot of stops with incentives to grab market share — and it's working — while Silverado is disadvantaged in launch mode," said Michelle Krebs, executive analyst for AutoTrader. "Still, the new Ram 1500 has garnered critical acclaim, and the brand has been on an upward trajectory in terms of reputation."

Data from Cox Automotive shows that through May, the Ford F-series has dominated sales over GM and FCA pickups and sold for a higher price. The average transaction price of the Silverado was \$48,498 in the first five months compared with \$49,182 for the Ram. The F-Series brought in \$52,227, said Cox.

The battling Ram

During the past month, many dealers have offered up to 30% off the list price for Ram, Chevrolet Silverado, GMC Sierra and Ford F-series, Reuters reported. GMC touted June as "Truck Month" in its advertising, a wink to consumers that price cuts lay ahead.

Gilchrist said that at the end of June he was offering a 20% discount on the list price of a 2019 Ram 1500 pickup.

Market research firm JD Power said discounts on light-duty pickups last month averaged \$5,250, 11% higher than the year-to-date average of \$4,726.

In June, according to an analysis by Cox Automotive Rates & Incentives, each of the Detroit Three offered significant guaranteed cash incentives to help move their full-size pickups. Ram led with an average guaranteed cash incentive of \$4,198. Ford's average guaranteed cash is lowest at \$2,412, and Chevy's is in the middle at \$3,377 on the Silverado.



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2019 Ram 1500 Limited

Importance of pickups

Pickup sales are crucial for the Detroit automakers. GM, for example, needs to deliver about \$10 billion in free cash flow, a measure of how much cash GM generates after accounting for capital expenditures, in the remaining quarters to hit its full-year target. That's challenging as consumer demand sputters and sales are plummeting in China, the world's largest car market.

Analysts say throwing too much cash on the hood to chase a sales ranking is less important than maintaining profit margins.

"It is not crucial for Silverado to be No. 2," said AutoTrader's Krebs. "What is crucial is for GM to make as much profit as possible on its pickup trucks as it invests in future technologies like electric vehicles, autonomous vehicles and mobility services. Today's sales and profits will fuel the future and GM has aggressive plans."

According to CarGurus, shopper interest in the Silverado 1500 took a dip in May, but the Ram Classic has had consistent interest through the year. It said interest in the Ram 1500 spiked around the time the Silverado started to dip, and affordability was a driving factor in its results.

"Ram's higher interest levels and increased sales numbers are lifted by both the addition of the affordable Ram Classic trim as well as the technology in the other Ram trim levels such as the 12-inch info-

tainment screen and safety features such as drive lane assist and smart cruising," said George Augustaitis, CarGurus director of industry analytics.

Dealer deals

At George Matick Chevrolet in Redford, Mich., demand for the 2019 Silverado is strong, said General Sales Manager Sam Vitale. Most customers buy the crew cab and LT crew cab variants on 24- to 36-month leases with a price tag in the high \$40,000 to low \$50,000 range.

Competition against Ram is fierce, said Vitale, but Matick has won some business from former Ram owners. In June, Matick Chevrolet sold about 50 of the new body-style 2019 Silverado pickups.

Gilchrist said he believes Ford, Ram, Chevrolet and GMC are still wrestling with the right incentive play. Ram has been "very aggressive," he said. Meanwhile, the Silverado and Sierra are "incredible trucks," but Gilchrist has had trouble getting the right inventory levels and mix of trims to be competitive.

"It's an interesting time to be a truck dealer," said Gilchrist. "Ram's going to continue to be aggressive, GMC and Chevrolet will get their inventory mix fixed and Ford will stay on their game. So it's a good time to be in the truck market as a consumer."

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OPINION

Saudi prince is our newest Saddam

By JACKSON DIEHL

The Washington Post

Once upon a time, there was a brutal and reckless dictator of an oil-rich Arab country who, despite his well-documented excesses, was stroked and supported by the United States and other Western governments. His crimes were terrible, went the rationale, but he was modernizing his country and he was holding the line against Islamist jihadism and Iran. Anyway, there was probably no alternative.

The ruler heard that message. He concluded that, as long as he kept supplying oil and opposing Iran, he was free to butcher his opponents and bully his neighbors.

His name, of course, was Saddam Hussein. The bet made on him by the United States and its allies directly led to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990, and from there to the "endless wars" in the Middle East that are now almost universally bemoaned by the West's foreign policy establishment.

And yet, 30 years later, those mandarins and the politicians they report to are blindly repeating the mistake. They are saying they abhor the blatant crimes of Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, including the killing of Washington Post contributing columnist Jamal Khashoggi and the torture and imprisonment of women seeking greater rights. They see his bombing campaign in Yemen as a war-crime-ridden disaster.

Yet, at the summit of the Group of 20 in Osaka, Japan, a week ago, they cheerfully clustered around him. Not just President Donald Trump but also prime ministers and presidents from the big European democracies. And not just them but also the leaders of India, South Korea and Japan,

all of whom have received Mohammed bin Salman warmly in the past six months.

Ask them why, and you get an all-too-familiar response: The crown prince, who is also known as MBS, is the best chance for modernization in Saudi Arabia. He's fighting the Islamist extremists, and he's allied with us and with Israel against Iran. The alternatives to him are worse.

The determination with which politicians and policymakers cling to this blinkered view can be seen in the lonely quest of Agnes Callamard, the U.N. special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. At her own initiative, Callamard conducted a five-month investigation into Khashoggi's killing and dismemberment inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul last October. On June 19, Callamard released a powerful report making the case that "Khashoggi has been the victim of a deliberate, premeditated execution, an extrajudicial killing for which the state of Saudi Arabia responsible" — and that Mohammed bin Salman was almost certainly complicit in the operation and in its subsequent cover-up.

Callamard's report called for a halt to the closed Saudi trial of 11 lower-level operatives blamed for the killing and for an independent investigation by U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres or the FBI. The report also called for sanctions to be imposed on Mohammed bin Salman and his foreign assets "until and unless evidence is provided and corroborated that he carries no responsibility for this execution."

The official silence that has greeted the report has been deafening. Guterres, who has been a profile in timidity, did not respond to Callamard's call for an investigation; as of last week, he had yet even to meet with her. Europe, too, has been silent.

Brexit botch reveals a Dis-United Kingdom

By ARTHUR I. CYR

Special to Stars and Stripes

LONDON
These are hard times for the United Kingdom, which includes the British regions of England, Scotland and Wales plus Northern Ireland.

In 2016, a confident Prime Minister David Cameron, fresh from the 2015 general election victory of his Conservative Party, held a referendum. The election voting had bestowed on the Conservatives a narrow but clear parliamentary majority in the House of Commons. The Liberal Democrats, partners in the coalition government of 2010-15, were no longer needed and found themselves ruthlessly jettisoned.

The referendum was expected to confirm the nation's involvement in the generally unloved but economically beneficial European Union. Instead, contrary to what polls predicted, those who voted chose by a narrow margin of 52% to 48% to withdraw from the organization.

What followed might be compared to the colorful characters and wild bizarre antics found in the classic "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." In that story, Alice follows a hurrying rabbit down a hole and enters a world of intense surreal conflict and fantasy.

Likewise, the debate over Brexit — the shorthand term for leaving the EU — has been dominated by emotion and strong feelings regarding involvement with the rest of Europe rather than dispassionate discussion of the hard facts of trade and investment.

After the referendum, Cameron resigned as prime minister and then retired from Parliament. Theresa May emerged in the Conservative Party as his successor. She had favored remaining in the EU, but immediately reversed course to reflect the strong anti-Europe feelings in today's Conservative Party.

May steps down this month after a exceptionally complex withdrawal negotiations with EU officials in Brussels, brought home enormously detailed proposed agreements and was repeatedly defeated in Parliament by large majorities. Her own party is divided on the matter, and her total inability to manage people or events led to her resignation.

May steps down this month after a successor is chosen. The eccentric, controversial Boris Johnson is the front-runner to replace her.

Northern Ireland is a source of special difficulty in Brexit, potentially explosive in nature. The province has a sizable Catholic minority at the northern end of Catholic Ireland. Ireland also is strongly committed to the EU, and a neutral nation, while Britain is committed to the NATO alliance.

After several decades of renewed violence from the radical wing of the Irish Republican Army, the British government agreed to implement the Good Friday peace agreement. Leaving the EU jeopardizes that fragile stability, and the May government has been careful to pursue "backstop" agreements to keep Northern Ireland in the economy of Ireland.

This Northern Ireland dimension draws attention to the defense, national and international implications of Brexit. The EU has never established a substantial collabora-

At the G-20 summit, Trump met Mohammed bin Salman for breakfast and declared he was doing "a spectacular job."

Later, the president answered a question about Khashoggi by saying there was no "finger directly" pointing at the crown prince — though both Callamard's report and a CIA assessment have done just that.

During a visit to Washington last week, Callamard appeared undeterred.

"Many governments have attempted to bury it and say, 'Let's move on,' but that killing is not going to disappear," she said during an appearance at the Brookings Institution. Trump notwithstanding, she is counting on justice to come from the United States. "I think this is the only place where political accountability is going to work," she said during a meeting at The Post.

There is still some hope of that. Legislation pending in the House would require the director of national intelligence to report on those responsible for the Khashoggi killing and would require a visa ban to be applied to them. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is expected to consider other bills this week. But as long as Trump is president, Mohammed bin Salman is unlikely to face direct U.S. sanction; all the congressional bills either exclude him or grant Trump the power to do so.

Like Saddam Hussein before him, Mohammed bin Salman has concluded that he is immune. Women he ordered tortured are still in prison. His planes are still bombing Yemen, and he is taking the first steps toward acquiring nuclear weapons. Because Western governments do not stop him now, they will have to do it later — when the cost is likely to be far higher.

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orative military dimension despite fitful efforts over the years.

However, Britain is a strong, dedicated member of the NATO alliance. If the nation leaves the EU, that could provide incentives for greater Anglo-American and wider alliance military cooperation. The two nations already have strongly established cooperation in intelligence matters, along with Australia, Canada and New Zealand, termed the Five Eyes.

Meanwhile, separate local government and European Parliament elections in the U.K. have brought significant losses to the two main parties, Conservatives and Labour, while smaller parties made impressive gains. Those include the Liberal Democrats, the Greens, and the new Brexit Party, established by Nigel Farage in January this year. Previously, Farage led the UK Independence Party, which now is fading.

In 2016, Farage and staff members visited the Republican National Convention in Ohio, where he threatened Donald Trump. On the same trip, federal officers arrested Farage staff member George Cottrell on numerous charges of money laundering, wire fraud, blackmail and extortion. After a plea deal, Cottrell was released from U.S. prison in March 2017.

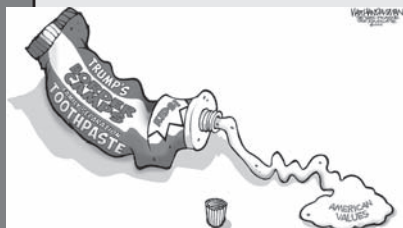
Given current trends, the Conservatives almost certainly will lose their House of Commons majority and another coalition government is probable.

In the children's classic, Alice provides impressive examples of calm pragmatism. The British need those qualities now.

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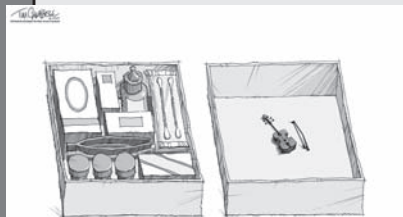
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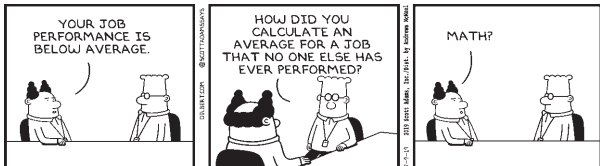
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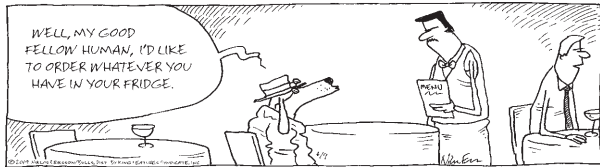
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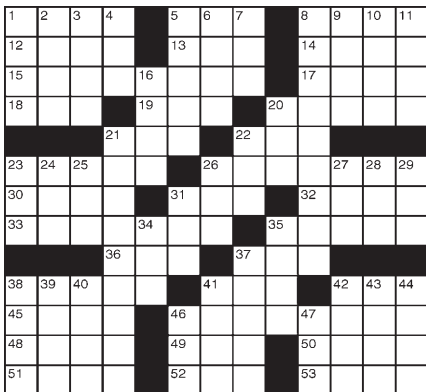
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- 27 Snooze
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NBA/TOUR DE FRANCE

Change: Clippers favorites but parity might have set in

FROM BACK PAGE

even Golden State and maybe a few others, you're right.

Technically, there is a favorite: The sports books in Las Vegas, after hearing the news that Kawhi Leonard and Paul George are heading to the Clippers, listed them as the best bet Saturday to win the 2020 NBA championship. Yes, the Clippers. A team that has won exactly four playoff series since moving to Los Angeles in 1984. A team that had 12 consecutive losing seasons a generation ago.

There wasn't much NBA intrigue at this time last year. The Warriors were adding DeMarcus Cousins to a team that won the last two championships and were seemingly locks to win a third consecutive title.

Everyone knows it didn't work out that way.

Toronto took care of that. It was just more proof that what seems obvious at this time of year doesn't always come to fruition.

This year, though, the newfound balance of power — dare we say "parity" — seems like a done deal. The East still has a 60-win team in Milwaukee returning the reigning MVP in Giannis Antetokounmpo and shooting guard Khris Middleton, so the Bucks may be the favorite right now on that side of the league. Philadelphia lost JJ Redick and Jimmy Butler, adding Josh Richardson and Al Horford to a team that looks to be dominant defensively. No one will count out Boston, because of Brad Stevens and now Kemba Walker.

Miami got better even after losing Dwyane Wade with the addition of Butler — and the Heat might throw their hat in the ring if Russell Westbrook is indeed available following the George trade to the Clippers. Brooklyn gets Kyrie Irving this season and now knows it'll be adding Kevin Durant next season, once he returns from his Achilles rehab. Atlanta's young core may be the most promising in the NBA.

And let's not forget the East also has the reigning NBA champion Raptors, albeit without Leonard and Danny Green.)

But the West ... wow.

The Clippers kept Patrick Beverley, have an amazingly talented bench led by Lou Williams, a coach everybody wants to play for in Doc Rivers and now gets two of the very best players in the game with Leonard and George. The Lakers still have James, added Anthony Davis, kept JaVale McGee and Rajon Rondo, signed DeMarcus Cousins and Green — and might be in the market for another shooter.

Portland went to the West final last season and have an elite backcourt in Damian



AP photos



The Boston Celtics moved on from the departure of point guard Kyrie Irving by adding another All-Star shooter in former Charlotte Hornets PG Kemba Walker, above. Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Lakers will reunite prized offseason acquisition Anthony Davis with his former frontcourt mate in New Orleans, four-time All-Star center DeMarcus Cousins, left.

healthy to run alongside Luka Doncic.

The Lakers are almost certainly coming for someone's playoff spot out West. Same goes for the Heat in the East. And before long, New Orleans with Zion Williamson and David Griffin at the controls, Atlanta with that core led by Trae Young and Kevin Huerter, potentially Memphis with the Ja Morant era set to begin, it'll be their turn at the playoff table.

It's been a top-heavy league for a long time. Only five different franchises have represented the West in the NBA Finals over the last 20 years. In the East, it's five over the last 15 years.

Right now, the odds-makers in Vegas are predicting next June it'll be Clippers vs. Bucks.

A couple days ago the Lakers were the betting favorites.

A new day is here in the NBA.

Alaphilippe wins Tour's third stage

By JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

EPERNAY, France — He was sweating, baked by the sun, and burning through his energy reserves. But, under the intense pressure of being pursued by the chasing pack of riders at the Tour de France, Julian Alaphilippe also stayed as cool as a chilled glass of Champagne.

The French rider's sparkling and poised Stage 3 ride on Monday into Epernay, the Champagne town that exports bubbly world-

wide, delivered a first victory for France at this Tour and the country's first yellow jersey since 2014 when Tony Gallopin held the race lead for one day.

The manner of Alaphilippe's win — surprising other contenders for the stage victory with a devastating burst of speed on a sharp climb and then gritting his teeth as he rode solo to the finish — oozed what the French call "panache," or pure class.

He'd long targeted the stage, with its final section of sharp hills among the Champagne vineyards, as suiting his explosive strengths, and executed his plan to perfection.

Cheered on by thick roadside crowds, Alaphilippe delivered the decisive blow on the Cote de Mutigny, the steepest of four notable hills climbing heading toward Epernay.

"I did exactly what I'd planned to do," he said. "When it works, you have to savor it."

Jumping out of the saddle to hammer on his pedals up the final part of the 12% incline, Alaphilippe caught other riders cold.

"A very strong attack. I was surprised," said Peter Sagan, the equally explosive Slovak who'd also been eyeing the stage to add to his collection of 11 career stage victories at the Tour.

"Winning the stage in this manner is the most beautiful way to start this Tour," Alaphilippe said. "This opportunity offered itself up and I had to seize it."

It was Alaphilippe's first stage victory at this Tour and third in his career. He also won two stages on the Tour last year.



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Astros top Angels in 10th

Houston heads into All-Star break on high note

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

HOUSTON — After missing a couple of chances to put the game away Sunday, the Houston Astros felt fortunate to finally close it out in the 10th inning.

George Springer hit a game-ending, RBI single in the 10th and the Astros beat the Angels 11-10 Sunday after a violent collision at home plate knocked Los Angeles catcher Jonathan Lucroy out of the game.

“We left a lot of guys on base, but at the end of the day, we found a way to win it.”

George Springer
on the Astros’ 11-10 win over the Angels

The Astros’ Yuli Gurriel hit a grand slam to homer in his fifth straight game, and All-Star Ryan Pressly (2-1) allowed one hit in a scoreless 10th for the win.

Josh Reddick led off Houston’s 10th with a double off

Taylor Cole (0-1) before Springer hit a ball to the right-center gap with one out to give Houston the victory.

“We left a lot of guys on base, but at the end of the day, we found a way to win it,” Springer said.

Mike Trout homered twice for the Angels, who watched Lucroy get carted off in the eighth inning after being bowled over by Jake Marisnick. Lucroy was taken to a hospital, and the team said he would get a CT scan and be evaluated for a concussion and knee fracture.

“It certainly didn’t look like a clean play,” Los Angeles manager Brad Ausmus said.

“I don’t know what actually happened, but it looked like Marisnick took a step to the left and bowled into him with his arm up. The call was right. Really, I think Major League Baseball should probably take a look at it. Consider some type of suspension, quite frankly.”

The Astros loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth, but Hansel Robles struck out Tyler White to send it to the 10th.

There were runners at second and third with no outs in the eighth when rookie Yordan Alvarez sent them both home with a single to center to tie it at 10. The bases were loaded with one out when Marisnick attempted to score on a flyout by Springer.

Marisnick crashed into Lucroy as he attempted to field the throw, and the catcher immediately fell on his back. He didn’t move for a few seconds before struggling to sit up. Marisnick tagged home and then leaned over Lucroy to see if he was OK. He lifted his head off the ground a few seconds later as blood dripped from his nose.

Angels players rushed to the plate as trainers checked on him. He was lifted to a sitting position after a couple of minutes and held a towel to his nose. He was then helped to a cart and taken off the field while clutching a bloodstained towel.

Marisnick was called out for colliding with Lucroy and the call was upheld after a crew chief review to end the inning.

“I watched the play again and it looks — he just drops right in front of me and once I kind of made a decision it was too late,” Marisnick said. “It was a bad play and I hope he’s OK.”

Trout has an American League-leading 28 home runs and set a franchise record for home runs before the All-Star break.



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The Astros’ George Springer, right, celebrates with Robinson Chirinos after hitting a game-ending RBI single to score Josh Reddick during the 10th inning of Sunday’s game against the Los Angeles Angels in Houston. The Astros won 11-10.

Roundup

Young no-hits Rockies for 6 innings in D-backs’ win

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Alex Young tossed six no-hit innings in his second career start, Eduardo Escobar had three RBIs and the Diamondbacks completed a three-game sweep with a 5-3 win over the Rockies.

Young (2-0) was stellar in his Chase Field debut, allowing one batter over the minimum after walking Tony Wolters in the third inning.

The 23-year-old left-hander was replaced by Yoshihisa Hirano to open the seventh inning after 71 pitches. Trevor Story hit Hirano’s first pitch down the third base line and beat Jake Lamb’s throw for Colorado’s first hit.

Nick Ahmed hit a two-run homer and Escobar finished a homer shy of the cycle for Arizona, which enters the All-Star break above .500 at 46-45. Christian Walker added a two-run single off German Marquez (8-4).

Indians 11, Reds 1: Greg Allen homered and tripled among his career-high four hits, Trevor Bauer stayed hot with seven solid innings and visiting Cleveland beat Cincinnati.



RICK SCUTERI/AP

The Diamondback’s Alex Young threw six no-hit innings in his second career start before being pulled in Arizona’s 5-3 series-sweeping win over the Colorado Rockies on Sunday.

Phillies 8, Mets 3: Aaron Nola held the Mets hitless into the sixth inning. Jay Bruce homered twice and Philadelphia quieted host New York.

The Phils headed into the All-Star break at 47-43 — they were 53-42 at this point last year, before adding Bryce Harper, J.T. Realmuto, Andrew McCutchen and more in an offseason push.

Braves 4, Marlins 3: Josh Donaldson capped his strong first-half finish by hitting a two-run homer and Charlie Culberson’s defensive play helped Atlanta escape a bases-loaded jam in the ninth to beat visiting Miami.

Dallas Keuchel (2-2) allowed two runs in 7 1/3 innings in his fourth start since signing with Atlanta on June 7.

Rays 2, Yankees 1: Charlie Morton struck out 10 in 5 1/3 innings to help host Tampa Bay split a four-game series with AL East-leading New York.

Morton (10-2) allowed one run, five hits and one walk in lowering his AL-best ERA to 2.32. The AL All-Star has given up two or fewer runs in 15 of 19 starts.

Nationals 5, Royals 2: Anthony Rendon doubled in the tie-breaking run in the eighth inning, Brian Dozier and Victor Robles homered, and Washington beat visiting Kansas City.

Washington has won 10 of 12 to climb past Philadelphia into second place in the NL East. Since sinking to 19-31 on May 23, the Nationals have gone 28-11 and lost only one of 13 series.

Athletics 7, Mariners 4: Matt Olson hit a home run for the second straight game to lead a five-run first inning and Oakland powered past host Seattle.

The win gave the Athletics their seventh win in nine games, and ninth in their last 12.

Pirates 6, Brewers 5: Red-hot rookie Bryan Reynolds hit a three-run home run in the seventh inning to lift Pittsburgh over visiting Milwaukee in its final game before the All-Star break.

White Sox 3, Cubs 1: At Chicago, Ivan Nova pitched shutout ball into the sixth inning for his first home win in eight tries, Eloy Jimenez and Jose Abreu homered, and the host White Sox beat the crosstown Cubs.

Giants 1, Cardinals 0: Evan Longoria homered with one out in the seventh inning to break up Jack Flaherty’s bid for a no-hitter, and San Francisco held on to beat visiting St. Louis.

Rangers 4, Twins 1: Rougned Odor’s three-run homer in the 11th inning gave Texas a win against host Minnesota.

Red Sox 6, Tigers 3: David Price pitched one-run ball over five innings and visiting Boston beat Detroit to complete a three-game sweep.

Blue Jays 6, Orioles 1: Trent Thornton pitched six shutout innings to win for the first time in four starts. Lourdes Gurriel Jr. hit a two-run home run and host Toronto beat Baltimore to avoid a three-game sweep.

Padres 5, Dodgers 3: Fernando Tatis Jr. homered twice and had four RBIs and Manuel Margot also homered as visiting San Diego leads into the All-Star break on a three-game winning streak after beating Los Angeles.

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Who's On 2nd? All-Star Game set to trot out free runners

By BEN WALKER
Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Picture this, baseball fans. All-Star Game tied 4-all Tuesday night at Progressive Field, flamethrower Aroldis Chapman set to face rookie sensation Pete Alonso to start the top of the 10th inning.

But, wait! Before the first pitch, Kris Bryant casually trots from the National League dugout to take a lead off second base.

"Kind of weird," offered Jeff McNeil, the majors' top hitter this year.

Already employed in the minors, the World Baseball Classic and Olympic softball, a new rule takes effect this week in front of a major league audience: Every extra inning in All-Star play — top half and bottom — begins with an automatic runner at second.

"Oh, they are doing it!" asked Atlanta manager Brian Snitker, an NL coach.

Yes, they are. The crowd in Cleveland got a glimpse of the future, maybe, on Sunday night when the Futures Game used the rule for an inning. No one scored, and the showcase for young talent wound up in a tie.

Could be timely in the field, too. The last two All-Star Games both went extras — Robinson Cano hit a leadoff homer in the 10th at Miami in 2017, Alex Bregman did the same last year in Washington.

Plus, there was the 15-inning affair at Yankee Stadium in 2008 and the dreaded 2002 game in Milwaukee that was declared a very unpopular tie after the 11th.

Naturally, in a sport where change comes slowly, not everyone is thrilled with this experiment. To many, instant intentional walks, constant shifts and talk about robot umpires has skewed the game enough.

If it's any consolation, commissioner Rob Manfred says there are no foreseeable plans to put free runners on base in the regular season.

"I know how people are against it, especially players in the game. Yeah, the tradition is big in this sport, just like a lot of top-tier sports," Baltimore pitcher John Means said.

After All-Star this year, Means saw the test firsthand last year at Triple-A. So did Tampa Bay All-Star outfielder Austin Meadows.

"For the All-Star Game, I understand it. And now with home-field advantage not being decided by it, I don't think it's the worst thing in the world."

Liam Hendriks

Oakland All-Star pitcher

"I might have been a runner on second, but I've definitely seen it happen a lot," Meadows said.

"I don't think it's a bad idea at all. We're going to play nine innings and get on with the second half," he said.

Some teams actually tried this out during spring training, starting with ties in the ninth. San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy was the first to give it a go — mass confusion ensued, mostly because he forgot to tell his players what was happening.

Oakland right-hander Liam Hendriks realizes he could be on the spot Tuesday night.

"It's not an ideal scenario for a reliever because we're the ones that get stuck with it," he said. "You're coming into a situation already with the guy on base in a tie game, there's so many possibilities that can happen."

"I understand the reasoning behind it, like in the All-Star Game, to kind of shorten the game up, theoretically," he said. "You don't have as many pitchers



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Tampa Bay's Tommy Pham stands on second base on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, in St. Petersburg, Fla. If Tuesday night's All-Star Game goes into extra innings, the teams will start the inning with a runner on second base. The last two All-Star Games both went extras.

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in the game. You don't have a starter going five, six, seven, eight innings."

He's willing to give it a try.

"For the All-Star Game, I understand it. And now with home-field advantage not being decided by it, I don't think it's the worst thing in the world," he said.

The automatic runner will be the player who made the last out of the previous inning. But in a caveat, players who have left the All-Star Game can re-enter to run.

For official scoring purposes, if a freebie scores, it will count as an unearned run. Meaning, in theory, a team could pitch a perfect game and still lose.

As for strategy, what to do with that runner? Definitely depends on which team is up first.

"There's a lot of different ways you can play it, too. I mean, you can either bunt him over or swing to get him over, or you can try to hit. You've got to play for more than one run there," McNeil said.

That's fine with Alonso, his New York Mets teammate. Alonso has hit 30 home runs this season — he's never put down a sacrifice in college, the minors or the majors, and isn't about to start now, even if he leads off the 10th with a runner on second.

"I'm not going to bunt, that's for sure," he said. And, he doesn't think Major League Baseball should change its approach.

"For me, I'm kind of an old-school guy. I like just playing it like a regular game. I think that's kind of the most natural way to go about it," Alonso said.

"Since the Civil War, the bags haven't moved, the mound hasn't moved and the rules haven't changed until recently. So I think in the big leagues it should stay the way it is," he said.

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US men fall in Gold Cup final

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Hours after the U.S. women won their fourth World Cup, the American men were outplayed by Mexico in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final.

Jonathan Dos Santos scored in the 73rd minute to give the El Tri a 1-0 victory Sunday night.

Star Christian Pulisic and captain Weston McKennie both left Soldier Field without speaking to reporters about the latest setback to a program still trying to rebound from its failure to qualify for last year's World Cup.

"Over the course of 90 minutes, Mexico was the better team," Gregg Berhalter said after his first tournament as U.S. coach. "What we lacked was I think some of the calmness, some of the composure."

Despite missing their top three forwards, El Tri had 58% possession, outshot the U.S. 20-10 and won their eighth Gold Cup title to six for the U.S., which dropped to 1-5 in Gold Cup finals against its biggest rival.

Days before he reports to Chelsea, Pulisic was by far the best U.S. player, using bursts of speed and cutting ability to create chances, but he rarely touched the ball in the second half. The 20-year-old midfielder was given the tournament's best young player award after scoring three goals with three assists.

"His contribution to the team this tournament was fantastic," Berhalter said. "Both sides of the ball. Off the field."

McKennie, coming off an excellent season with Schalke in the Bundesliga, was given the captain's arm band for the first time but was largely ineffective.

"I'm not going to comment on his individual performance," said Berhalter, who also praised McKennie for his play earlier in the tournament.

While the crowd in Lyon, France, was overwhelmingly pro-American as the U.S. beat the Netherlands 2-0 earlier in the day, El Tri supporters in green, white and red in the crowd of

62,493 made Soldier Field seem like Mexico City's Estadio Azteca. Whenever American Zack Steffen took a goal kick, there were loud chants of "puto," an anti-gay slur Mexican fans repeatedly have been admonished for.

CONCACAF general secretary Philippe Moggio and spokesman Alvaro Urrutia did not respond to an email seeking comment.

Mexico scored on a move started by Dos Santos, who plays in Major League Soccer for the LA Galaxy. He passed the ball to Rodolfo Pizarro, who switched from the left flank to the right in the second half. Pizarro crossed in the penalty area where Raul Jimenez played a back-heel pass to Dos Santos, who had continued his run. His left-footed shot went by the outstretched arm of Steffen for just his third goal in 46 international appearances.

"We couldn't quite find the first pass to get out in certain moments," midfielder Michael Bradley said. "Obviously then you get a little bit tired, and they start to gain some momentum, obviously. It culminates with them getting them the goal."

Bradley was among four holdovers in the starting lineup from the October 2017 loss at Trinidad and Tobago that cost the U.S. a World Cup berth, joined by Pulisic, midfielder Paul Arriola and forward Jozy Altidor.

Altidor scuffed an open left-footed shot from 10 yards in the seventh minute. Jordan Morris beat goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa with a 6-yard header from Pulisic's corner kick in the 51st minute, but Andres Guardado headed the ball away at the goal line. Second-half sub Cristian Roldan's point-blank shot hit Hector Moreno on the head and bounced away in the 87th.

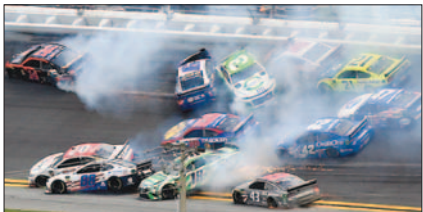
"We just couldn't put our chances away tonight," Altidor said. "If you look at that 10-, 15-minute period, we kind of lost the game a bit. We were trying to play out of the back and stick to our guns, but maybe it was a time to kind of get up the field and try to get in their half and kind of change that momentum a bit."



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US midfielder Christian Pulisic, right, controls the ball against Mexico defender Carlos Salcedo during the first half on Sunday.

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Cars crash on Sunday at Daytona, including Clint Bowyer, top left, and Austin Dillon (No. 3, top center), who set off the collision battling for the lead late in a rain-shortened race.

Big rain, big wreck lead to Haley's win

By JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Teeth chattering, hands shaking, stomach churning, Justin Haley anxiously waited for NASCAR to pull the plug on a rain-wrecked weekend at Daytona International Speedway.

A 500-1 longshot making just his third career Cup start, Haley won the rain-postponed, rain-shortened race at Daytona on Sunday. He inherited the lead after a 17-car accident decimated the field, and a lightning strike forced NASCAR to stop the race.

Haley waited out the delay in a conference room inside the historic speedway, admittedly too nervous to do more than pray for the skies to open and the race to be called once for all.

The wait of 2 hours, 12 minutes wasn't worth it for the 20-year-old Indiana native driving for first-year team Spire Motorsports. They celebrated in a makeshift indoor victory lane and were warmly greeted by manufacturer Chevrolet, which has now won two straight races after a miserable start to the season.

"I had no expectation to win this race," said Haley, admitting he'd have quickly been passed for the lead if the race resumed.

"We were just trying to keep the fenders on it. That was the whole goal of the race, to finish with no scratches. Yes, I really did pray for rain."

The race — the last surrounding the July Fourth holiday at Daytona since the event began in 1959 — was scheduled for Saturday night but forced into Sunday afternoon because of persistent rain and lightning. The race is being moved next year to August as the regular-season finale.

As the clouds darkened over the track at the start of the third and final stage, drivers picked up the intensity and started racing as if the event would end at the first drop of rain.

Clint Bowyer pulled out of line and tried to pass Austin Dillon for the lead, but Dillon would not relinquish the spot. His Chevrolet wiggled, Bowyer hit him from behind in his Ford, and because they were at the front of the field, it caused a huge wreck.

"I guess he didn't want me to

pass him," Bowyer said. "I got under him and he blocked and he just finally wrecked us all."

Dillon, a former Daytona 500 winner, defended his racing. "I really thought it was kind of urgent because of the lightning and rain coming," he said. "It's part of this kind of racing. I was being aggressive and trying to keep the lead."

As he spoke, lightning crackled above his head.

With that, NASCAR had to stop the race and bring the remaining cars to pit road. The move came just minutes after Kurt Busch, who had slid through the massive accident to take the lead, made a quick pit stop.

Busch relinquished the lead because he thought the race was one lap away from resuming, and Xfinity Series regular Haley cycled into the lead. He was making his third Cup start for Spire, which started in NASCAR as an agency representing drivers and sponsors but last year purchased one of the charters Furniture Row Racing left behind when the team folded at the end of last season.

Team co-owners T.J. Puchyr and Jeff Dickerson took out a \$6 million bank loan for the charter, hoping the value of it would repay the note while helping them transition into a true race team. They needed the huge accident, Busch's decision to pit and then yet another heavy rainstorm to become winners in their 17th Cup race.

"It's obviously a huge, huge moment to win at the pinnacle of our sport, at Daytona no less. This is it. This is the World Center of Racing," Puchyr said. "We just want to be in control of our own destiny. We've put a lot of money in a lot of people's pockets in this garage. There's a lot of people out there that think we're doing this as a cash grab the way the charter system works."

"Quite frankly, that's not true. Jeff Dickerson said, 'We believe in this sport. We believe in the platform that NASCAR provides.' This is the American dream. We did it early, and it's not lost on me that luck was on our side today. But I'm not going to feel bad about at all. I'm going to love it. We're going to continue to be the 'Little Engine That Could' and build this thing as best we can and go from there."

Halep ends Gauff's run

Williams wins and Barty gets knocked from her path

By CHRIS LEHOURTIER
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Coco Gauff's unexpected but remarkable run at Wimbledon is over.

The 15-year-old American, who became the youngest player to qualify for Wimbledon's main draw in the professional era, lost to former No. 1 Simona Halep 6-3, 6-3 in the fourth round on Monday.

"I learned a lot," said Gauff, who is younger than many of the players in the junior competition at Wimbledon. "I learned how to play in front of a big crowd. I learned what it was like to be under pressure. I learned a lot and I'm really thankful for this experience."

Gauff knocked out five-time champion Venus Williams in the first round, and then saved two match points in the third round to reach the second week of a Grand Slam tournament in her debut.

Playing on No. 1 Court, the second biggest stadium at the All England Club, Gauff had plenty of support from the crowd. But Halep, the 2018 French Open champion and a Wimbledon semifinalist in 2014, had the better shots. She broke Gauff five times and took advantage of 29 unforced errors.

Gauff did manage to save two more match points when serving at 5-2, but Halep won the next game to reach the quarterfinals.

Earlier, Serena Williams advanced to the Wimbledon quarterfinals for the 14th time, beating Carla Suarez Navarro 6-2, 6-2. In the men's draw, four-time champion Novak Djokovic advanced along with two-time winner Rafael Nadal. Djokovic beat Ugo Humbert 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 while Nadal defeated Joao Sousa 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

Roger Federer, the record eight-time champion at the All England Club, was playing Matteo Berrettini late Monday.

Williams, a seven-time Wimbledon champion who missed about a year of play while she had a baby in 2017 but returned to the tennis tour in 2018, entered the tournament without having played since the third round of the French Open — skipping the grass-court warm-up tournaments.

"I definitely haven't had enough (matches)," said Williams, who had been dealing with an injured left knee. "I have more matches this week than literally the past five months. So, yikes."

Williams reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open, then retired from a match at Indian Wells, withdrew from matches in Miami and Rome, and then played at the French Open.

"I know that I can play, and now that I'm feeling better physically I almost feel a relief more than anything," Williams said. "Like, OK, finally I can play tennis."



KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/AP

Coco Gauff reacts to a point during her match against Simona Halep on Monday at Wimbledon. The former No. 1-ranked player ended the run of the American teenager in the fourth round.

Against Suarez Navarro, Williams won six straight games from 3-2 in the first set and broke for a 5-2 lead in the second. She easily closed it out from there.

Williams, who lost to Angelique Kerber in last year's Wimbledon final, will next face Alison Riske, an unseeded American who upset top-ranked Ash Barty.

Williams' last loss was also against American opposition, Sofia Kenin in the third round at Roland Garros.

"Well the last time I faced a fellow American I lost, so I definitely want to do well this time," Williams said. "And yeah, she's great on the grass. She took out the No. 1 player in the world who

just won a grass-court tournament. I watched that match, so I'll be ready for her."

Riske ended Barty's 15-match winning streak, and her chance of winning a second straight Clam Slam title.

Riske beat this year's French Open champion 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 and will play in the quarterfinals of a major tournament for the first time.

"I haven't been starting out fantastic in all my matches, but I knew I had the confidence that if I could manage my service games I was going to get looks on her serve," said Riske, whose best previous showing was reaching the third round at Wimbledon and the fourth round at the 2013 U.S. Open. "I had to play aggressively. I had to take it to Ash."

Barty was playing her first tournament as the No. 1-ranked player, and she started off by winning points with her serve against Riske.

In the opening service game, the top-seeded Barty won all four points with aces. She won two more points in her next game with aces, as well. She finished the match with 12 of them.

But Riske took her chances when she got them, breaking Barty four times on four attempts, including to take a 5-3 lead in the deciding set before serving it out.

"I was sticking to how I wanted to play," Barty said. "Then in the second set, I think my serve let me down. I let Alison get back into the match too many times, having looks on second serves."

Also, 2019 Johanna Konta eliminated two-time champion Petra Kovtichova 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, and No. 8 Elina Svitolina beat No. 24 Petra Martić 6-4, 6-2.

Scoreboard

Wimbledon	
Monday	
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club	
Surface: Grass-Outdoor	
Men's Singles	
Fourth Round	
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Ugo Humbert, France, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3	
David Goffin (21), Belgium, def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 7-6 (9), 2-6, 6-3	
Roberto Bautista-Agut (23), Spain, def. Benoit Paire (28), France, 6-3, 7-6, 6-2	
Sam Querrey, United States, def. Tennyson Sandgren, United States, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5)	
Rafael Nadal (3), Spain, def. Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2	
Women's Singles	
Fourth Round	
Alison Riske, United States, def. Ashleigh Barty (1), Australia, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3	
Serena Williams (11), United States, def. Carla Suarez-Navarro (30), Spain, 6-2, 6-2	
Barbora Strýcová, Czech Republic, def. Elina Svitolina (21), Belgium, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2	
Johanna Konta (19), Britain, def. Petra Kvitová (8), Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4	
Elina Svitolina (8), Ukraine, def. Petra Martić (24), Croatia, 6-4, 6-2	
Karolina Muchova, Czech Republic, def. Karolina Pliskova (3), Czech Republic, 4-6, 7-5, 15-11	
Simona Halep (7), Romania, def. Cori Gauff, United States, 6-3, 6-3	
Shuai Zhang (2), China, def. Dayana Yastremska, Ukraine, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2	
Men's Doubles	
Third Round	
Lukasz Kubot, Poland and Marcelo	

Melo (1), Brazil, def. Marcelo Demoliner, Brazil and Divij Sharan, India, 7-5, 6-7 (8), 7-6 (6), 6-3

Anders Koolhof, Netherlands and Marcus Daniell, New Zealand, def. Aisam Qureshi, Pakistan and Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, 7-5, 6-7 (6), 6-2

Ivan Dodig, Croatia and Filip Polasek, Slovakia, def. Nick Pietrangeli, United States and Franko Skugor (6), Croatia, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 7-6 (3)

Michael Venus, New Zealand and Rens Klaassen (3), South Africa, def. Fabian Souter, United States and Nadia Pietrangeli, Netherlands, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (0)

Horía Tecu, Romania and Jean-Julien Rojer (2), Netherlands, def. Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina and Horacio Zeballos (9), Argentina, 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 4-3, ret.

Women's Doubles

Kvetia Peschke, Czech Republic and Nicole Pietrangeli (7), United States, def. Abigail Spears, United States and Nadia Pietrangeli, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-3

Lucy Kersley, Great Britain and Gabriela Dabrowski (4), Canada, def. Saish Zhang, China and Ying-Ying Yuan (13), China, 7-5, 6-3

Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany and Demi Schuurs (8), Netherlands, def. Yan Wang, China and Anna Blinkova, Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (7)

Mixed Doubles

Marcus Daniell, New Zealand and Jennifer Brady, United States, def. Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina and Yifan Yu (7), China, walkover

Roland Lindstedt, Sweden and Jelena Ostapenko (2), Latvia, def. Andres Molteni, Argentina and Makoto Ninomiya, Japan, 6-3, 6-1

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A NEW DAY

Free agency reshuffling
brings welcome change to NBA

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS

There is no favorite. This is what the NBA wanted. And needed.

The biggest piece of valid criticism about the league in recent years has been it's predictable. Golden State got to the last five NBA Finals. LeBron James had made it there

eight years in a row, four with Miami and then four more with Cleveland. Brooklyn used to be the 'other' team in New York, and the Clippers used to be the 'other' team in Los Angeles.

No more.

Welcome to a new NBA. If you think the Clippers can win it all next season, or the Lakers, or Utah, or Philadelphia, or Milwaukee, or Houston, or Denver, or

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